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## AFRICOM downplays possible Marine boost

Officials stress 1,000-strong task force would be for training only

By JOHN VANDIVER  
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*Stars and Stripes*

STUTTGART, Germany — A 1,000-strong Marine combat task force capable of rapidly deploying to hot spots could soon be at the disposal of the new U.S. Africa Command, which up to now has stressed training partnerships and security cooperation to wary African governments suspicious of U.S. military intentions on the

continent.

AFRICOM and Marine officials confirmed that adding a Marine Air Ground Task Force is now under review, but they emphasized that no decision has been made on whether to incorporate such a fighting force into the command.

But analysts predict that any plan to dedicate combat troops to AFRICOM, coming just a few months after U.S. Special Forces staged a daring daylight raid deep inside southern Somalia to take out a much-wanted

al-Qaida operative, will only increase the anxieties of African leaders who are concerned about entering into military cooperation agreements with the U.S.

"At the moment, I would steer clear of that one until their bona fides get established, and that is not now," said Richard Cornwell, a South Africa-based senior research fellow at the Institute for Security Studies. "Africa doesn't want to get turned into a new operational zone."

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MAX R. BLUMENFELD/Courtesy of JSOTF-Trans Sahara

**A member of a Marine Special Operations Team provides weapons training to Senegalese commandos north of Dakar, Senegal, in May.**

## Former Afghan vice president was likely target of Kabul bombing

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DUSAN VRANIC/AP

**A wounded man rests by the Heetal Hotel in Kabul on Tuesday. A suicide car bomb was detonated outside the hotel in Kabul, which is frequented by foreigners and thought to be in one of the safest areas of the city. The bombing killed at least eight people and wounded 40 near the home of a former Afghan vice president.**

## Futenma review may take months, Japan says

By DAVID ALLEN  
AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Japanese prime minister on Tuesday said it would take his government months to consider alternatives for relocating Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, thrusting the years-long saga even further from resolution despite U.S. insistence that Camp Schwab remains the only viable option.

After meeting with other ministers and the leaders of the two minority parties in his left-center coalition Tuesday morning, Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama said his fledgling government simply needed more time.

"I understand the importance of the current agreement between Japan and the U.S.," Hatoyama told reporters in Tokyo, according to a transcript of the Tuesday news conference. "However, we are pursuing other alternatives ... by understanding the Okinawan people's sentiments. I think we need months."

Japan officials said representatives of the three ruling coalition parties will consider multiple relocation plans, including the Camp Schwab one. Officials also confirmed that they will allocate funds to implement the current relocation plan from the state budget for fiscal 2010 and that ongoing environmental assessments will be continued.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"It's news to me, but then I'm always the last to know anything."**

— Thomson Village President Jerry Hebel, who was asleep when it was reported that Thomson Correctional Center in Illinois had been chosen to house 100 detainees from Guantanamo Bay

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# AFRICOM: Troop boost for training only, officials say

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Other experts suggest that a public relations crisis could be averted if AFRICOM is effective at explaining its intentions to leery Africans.

"Africans were beginning to take AFRICOM at its word — that it didn't have committed troops in the same way a normal command does," said Dan Lawner, an analyst at the Center for Advanced Defense Studies, which is based in Washington, D.C. "It's extremely, extremely crucial that this be framed within the current rhetoric that they're putting forth about having a much more specific, defined mission — a military mission in support of larger U.S. foreign policy goals in Africa."

For their part, AFRICOM officials say the discussions taking place do not involve plans for increasing the U.S. military presence in Africa, but rather center on better executing existing training missions focused on partnerships to help African militaries provide for their own security.

The proposal would not involve basing any Marines in Africa, officials said; instead, a Marine Air Ground Task Force would likely be placed somewhere in Europe.

"[T]he option being discussed would be a way to more efficiently provide personnel for existing activities and missions," said AFRICOM spokesman Vince Crawley. "Any potential location in Europe would take place only with the approval of the host nation."



GRADY T. FONTANA/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

**Marine Cpl. Rory C. Newton, right, inspects the bolt of a Moroccan AK-47 service rifle with a Moroccan soldier during Exercise African Lion in June. A proposal under consideration by U.S. military leaders would permanently assign a 1,000-strong Marine Air Ground Task Force to Africa Command.**

A task force of Marines focused on Africa would carry certain advantages for the command, which relies on a revolving door of temporary troops to conduct its many training missions on the continent.

For some time, the Marine Corps has seen a need for an expeditionary force capable of supporting U.S. Africa Command initiatives, according to the Stuttgart-based U.S. Marine Corps Africa.

"The Marine Corps commandant's long-range vision of European-based forces for missions supporting Africa Command on the continent is clearly one option," Crawley said, adding that the early discussions have not yet been accepted by the Defense Department, the State Department, the Europeans or African governments.

But the Marine Corps Web site mentions very little about training when talking about the capabilities of a Marine Air Ground Task Force, or MAGTF.

"MAGTF's are readily available, self-sustaining, combined arms warfighting organizations," the Marines' Web site explains, noting among other things that such task forces are equipped to move forces into crisis areas without revealing their exact destination or intentions and project combat power at night and under adverse weather.

While the Marine task force plan continues to be reviewed, some small steps have already been taken within AFRICOM to give the command a more stable supply of personnel.

In late October, a 19-Marine security cooperation team arrived in Stuttgart. It represents

the first operational forces dedicated exclusively to AFRICOM. Because much of AFRICOM's work on the continent involves small numbers of troops deploying for limited amounts of time, the security cooperation team is expected to reduce Marine Forces Africa headquarters' reliance on special requests for Marines, which number about 80 per year.

Members of the team have already deployed in support of training missions in Uganda and Mali.

"Every year, we have more requests from African nations," said Col. James Bright, operations officer of Marine Forces Africa.

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## Correction

The Dec. 15 story "Senators urge Lejeune contamination study" should have said Navy Secretary Ray Mabus has not yet received a letter from four U.S. senators urging the service to fund an ongoing health study of military families exposed to contaminated drinking water at the base between 1957 and 1987. A Navy spokesperson incorrectly said the letter had been received.

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Thomson Correctional Center in Thomson, Ill., seen here last month, has emerged as a leading option to house detainees held at the Navy-run prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

## Some detainees going to Illinois

By HENRY C. JACKSON  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taking an important step on the thorny path to closing the controversial U.S. detention facility in Cuba, the White House planned to announce Tuesday that the government will acquire an underutilized state prison in rural Illinois to be the new home for a limited number of terrorist suspects held at Guantanamo Bay.

Administration officials as well as Illinois Sen. Richard Durbin and Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn were scheduled to make an official announcement at the White House Tuesday afternoon.

Officials from both the White House and Durbin's office confirmed that President Barack Obama had directed the government to acquire Thomson Correctional Center in Thomson, Ill., about 150 miles from Chicago. The officials spoke on the condition of

anonymity to avoid pre-empting Tuesday's announcement.

A Durbin aide said the facility would house federal inmates and no more than 100 detainees from Guantanamo Bay.

A senior White House official said transferring prisoners to the Illinois facility would require Congress to revise of existing law, which bars bringing any detainees into the United States except for direct prosecution. There's no time frame for when detainees may start arriving in Illinois.

Still, the official called the move and the eventual closing of Guantanamo "vital" to U.S. security.

The Thomson Correctional Center was built by Illinois in 2001 as a state prison with the potential to house maximum security inmates. Local officials hoped it would improve the nearby economy, providing jobs to a hard-hit community. State budget problems, however, have kept the 1,600-cell prison from ever fully

opening. It houses about 200 minimum-security inmates.

Senior White House officials said before any detainees are transferred the Defense Department will upgrade security throughout the facility, including adding additional exterior fences and security measures, to bring it up to the same level as the super-max prison facility in Colorado.

Obama has faced some resistance to the idea of housing terrorism suspects in the United States, but in Thomson many have welcomed the prospect as a potential economic engine.

"It's news to me, but then I'm always the last to know anything," Thomson Village President Jerry Hebel said.

Administration officials estimated the move will create 3,000 new jobs in the region, about half of them available to local residents.

Stars and Stripes' reporter Leo Shane III contributed to this story.

## FBI still probing Cleveland suspect's Okinawa activities

Former Marine at Camp Butler in 1984

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
Stars and Stripes

The FBI said Tuesday that it is too early to know whether any cold cases at U.S. military facilities on Okinawa are linked to alleged serial killer and former Marine Anthony Sowell.

The 50-year-old convicted sex offender is charged with 11 counts of murder and a string of other charges in an 85-count indictment that includes rape, assault and abuse of a corpse after police in Ohio found the decomposing bodies of 11 women at his Cleveland home in October.

The FBI is searching for any unsolved crimes that might be connected to Sowell's Marine Corps service over two decades ago, including a stint on Okinawa, said Special Agent Scott Wilson, spokesman for the FBI Cleveland office.

"We are looking at that time when he was overseas," Wilson said. "We want to make sure there aren't any violent crimes linked to him."

But so far, the FBI has just started the investigation as part of a broader look into Sowell's past and has not yet sifted through any potentially connected cases in Japan, he said.



Sowell

Sowell, who served in the Marine Corps from 1978 to 1985, was stationed at Camp Butler for a year starting in January 1984. After the one-year tour he transferred to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he was discharged, UPI reported.

Investigation of his service on Okinawa will first require coordination between the FBI overseas, the U.S. military and the Japanese government, Wilson said.

The Marine Corps on Okinawa said it could not comment Tuesday because the issue includes areas outside its command and directed questions to its headquarters in Washington.

Meanwhile, Wilson said the FBI is relying on a national database of unsolved crimes to find possible links to Sowell in the areas he lived within the United States.

While in the Marine Corps, he was also stationed at Parris Island, S.C.; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; and Cherry Point, N.C., UPI reported.

Sowell, who has pleaded not guilty for reasons of insanity to the current charges, was convicted of attempted rape in Ohio in 1989 and sent to prison for 15 years, the wire service said.

Just before Halloween, Cleveland police searched his home and found the bodies of the women, who authorities believe were lured into the home and killed.

The residence became a grim dig site in November as police uncovered evidence in the case.

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## Futenma: Japanese position casts doubt on drawdown

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"We have agreed that the three parties will consider how to reduce the burden of the Futenma facility," said Tomoko Abe, a Social Democratic Party representative who attended the meeting.

In Washington on Monday, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly, who had been informed of the Japanese position, said the U.S. was not pressuring Hatoyama's government but its stance was clear.

"I'm not aware that we've set up any kind of hard-and-fast deadline," Kelly said during a daily press briefing.

"We remain open to engaging the government of Japan, [to] helping support their own policy review. We believe the realignment roadmap that we've already agreed to is the best plan for reducing the burden on the people of Okinawa while maintaining our very important security relationship with Japan."

Replacing Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, in urban southern Okinawa, with a new air facility in the rural northeast was a key to a 2006 bilateral agreement to realign U.S. troops in Japan. U.S. officials say it's the only option for shutting down Futenma and eventually moving major Marine commands, including more than 8,000 Marines and their families, to Guam in 2014.

Speaking at the Pentagon on Tuesday, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Conway was unaware of Hatoyama's statement.

"If that is their decision then I think it's unfortunate in terms of what we're attempting to plan on our end," Conway said. "What the treaty says is that work on the Futenma replacement facility must be substantial in order for us to kick into gear and begin moving Marines to Guam and doing the necessary drawdown that, again, our countries had agreed upon."

Any delay at this point, he said,

puts the date of the Guam move in greater doubt.

Soon after Hatoyama took office in September he called for a review of the 2006 agreement, and the two junior members of the coalition — the People's New Party and the SDP — have threatened to withdraw if Marine air operations are not moved to a site outside Okinawa.

In Naha on Tuesday afternoon, Okinawa Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima said he welcomed the decision to review the relocation plan.

"It's good that the three parties finally decided to sit down and discuss the issue squarely," said Nakaima, a member of the more conservative Liberal Democratic Party.

"Up to now, the government's actions have changed like a daily lunch menu."

Nakaima said whatever is decided, he wants the Futenma air station closed as soon as possible.

"My stance remains unchanged — to remove the danger posed by

Futenma as soon as possible," he said. "The best option is to move the operations outside Okinawa. But I worry this delay will only keep the base open longer."

In Nago, the city where Camp Schwab is located, Mayor Yoshikazu Shimabukuro said Tuesday that he was disappointed by the news from Tokyo.

"It is extremely regrettable that no concrete relocation site was selected," he said.

The mayor, who supports the Camp Schwab plan, faces a strong anti-base opponent in an election next month.

And on Guam on Tuesday, some local leaders said Japan's decision would not have an immediate effect on the massive buildup plan.

"We will continue to press forward," said Shawn Gumataotao, deputy chief of staff for Guam Gov. Felix Camacho.

Guam Sen. Judith Guthertz, who chairs the island's legislative military expansion committee, agreed.

"I don't think realistically anything will change this year," she said during a phone interview Tuesday afternoon.

However, she noted that in the long run it could jeopardize congressional spending and damage relations between the two countries.

"I think he's playing with fire," Guthertz said of Hatoyama. "He's flexing his muscles. Domestically, it may look good to Okinawa. But it could hurt the relationship between Japan and the U.S."

"It could keep us in limbo."

Last week, the U.S. Congress approved \$738 million in spending toward the buildup plan, according to U.S. Rep. Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's only member of Congress. That budget, part of an omnibus military construction bill, is on its way to President Barack Obama for a signature.

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## Warriors get new knees



Rick Vasquez/Stars and Stripes

Army Staff Sgt. Alfredo De los santos works out with his new X2 prosthetic knee at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. The electronically-controlled device is said to have "more durability and functionality, extended battery life, wireless field diagnostics and serviceability, and can handle higher weight limits," according to an Army statement. Thirty of the X2 legs are being fitted on wounded warriors at Walter Reed and Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas. They are expected to be widely available in 2011. For a video of the device in use, go to [www.stripes.com/go/x2](http://www.stripes.com/go/x2).

## CRS won't reinstate retired colonel

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Congressional Research Service said Monday it will not reinstate one of its assistant directors, a former chief military prosecutor at Guantanamo Bay who was dismissed for writings critical of the Obama administration's detention policies.

The general counsel for the Library of Congress, which houses CRS, said in a letter to the American Civil Liberties Union, which is representing retired Air Force Col. Morris Davis, "We maintain that the removal of Mr. Davis is justified."

The letter cited a failure "to adhere to the CRS

policy on Outside Speaking and Writing" and noted that CRS is charged with providing "objective and non-partisan research and analysis to Congress."

In a November article in the Wall Street Journal, Davis said Attorney General Eric Holder's decision to send some detainees to federal court for trial while keeping others in military commissions established a "dangerous legal double standard." In a letter to The Washington Post, Davis also sharply criticized a former attorney general, Michael Mukasey.

The ACLU said that the library violated Davis' free speech rights. "We're heading to court," Davis said Monday. "I would have preferred to avoid it, but that's what we've got to do."

# Congress readies defense budget

## Nearly \$1B will go to mine-resistant vehicles instead of training Afghans

By ANDREW TAYLOR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is knocking nearly \$1 billion off President Barack Obama's request for Afghanistan's security forces and instead devoting the money to buying more mine-resistant vehicles for U.S. troops there.

The move comes as top House and Senate lawmakers are putting the finishing touches on a \$626 billion Pentagon spending bill that they hope to clear for Obama's signature by Friday. Passage of the measure has been held up for weeks because Democratic leaders want to attach other controversial items to it.

On Monday evening, House leaders were leaning toward an end-of-session strategy of wrapping the defense measure together with a two-month extension of the government's ability to borrow. That authority is needed to avoid a default on the \$12 trillion national debt, which is considered politically unthinkable.

"We're working towards a short-term debt extension," said Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

The defense measure contains

\$128 billion to support Obama's February request for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The president has yet to request funds for his recently announced troop increase in Afghanistan, and there is no money in the bill for that.

The package contains about \$465 million to develop an alternative engine for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the Air Force's multimission fighter of the future. The administration said in June it would veto the legislation if it would "seriously disrupt" the F-35 program, an iffy threat at best. It has since backpedaled from the veto threat after the program won an impressive Senate vote.

The bill contains no funds for new F-22 fighters. Defense Secretary Robert Gates staked his reputation on killing the jobs-rich but well-over-budget program, which has its origins in the Cold War era but is poorly suited for anti-insurgent battles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The defense measure would trim \$900 million from the Pentagon's \$7.5 billion budget to train Afghan security forces.

## Misawa's new safe rides program starting

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Misawa's newest volunteer program to battle drinking and driving will hit the streets officially on Friday night.

Americans Against Drunk Driving — or A2D2 — replaces the Misawa Community and Services Against Drunk Driving.

Officials want to stress that A2D2 is using a new phone number, 226-A2D2 (2232).

Volunteers will provide free, anonymous rides to those in need between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. every Friday and Saturday. Volunteers will work some holidays.

While the former program was very popular in the community — the volunteers had given more than 1,600 free rides in the first 11 months of the year — senior leaders felt it was being abused.

People should develop their own plans for "responsible drinking," 35th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Russell Hastings told Stars and Stripes. That means using designated drivers, taking taxis or even walking home instead of relying on the volunteer program, Hastings said.

Both Hastings and A2D2 officials said they hope to see fewer people using the free rides.

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# Car bomb kills 8 near ex-Afghan VP's home

The Associated Press

KABUL — A suicide car bomber struck Tuesday near the home of a former Afghan vice president and a hotel favored by Westerners, killing at least eight people and wounding dozens in one of the safest neighborhoods in the city.

Afghan police officials said the target of the bombing had not been confirmed. Security officials at the scene suspect the bomber was going after the home of former Vice President Ahmad

Zia Massoud — brother of famed anti-Taliban fighter Ahmad Shah Massoud, who was killed by al-Qaida two days before the Sept. 11 attacks.

The attack, near the base of a hill with a huge billboard portrait of the late Massoud, underscored the uneven security controls in the heart of the Afghan capital. Many of the neighborhood's buildings have armed guards, and checkpoints are set up at a few strategic locations around

the city.

The explosion was heard a few miles away at the Foreign Ministry where about 200 officials and diplomats met to discuss corruption in the Afghan government.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the bombing and ordered officials to find those responsible.

Four men and four women died in the suicide blast and 40 other people were wounded, Ministry of Interior spokesman Zemer

Bashary said.

In other violence across Afghanistan, two Afghan National Army soldiers were killed in Helmand province when a suicide bomber on a motorbike attacked a joint vehicle patrol of Afghan and international forces, said Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi, a spokesman for the Ministry of Defense. Two other Afghan soldiers were wounded in the afternoon attack, he said.

And NATO said a U.S. service-

member was killed in a bombing in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday.

Separately, a blast occurred Tuesday at the compound of Development Alternatives Inc., a Bethesda, Md.-based consulting firm on contract to USAID, in Paktia province, the U.S. Embassy said. There were no U.S. casualties, but provincial police chief Gen. Azizdin Wardak said five Afghans and a Nepalese national were killed.

## Recovering in Germany



DAN BLOTTENBERGER/Stars and Stripes

Spc. Sengjeng Thao of Company A, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Special Troops Battalion shakes hands with fellow soldiers following his Purple Heart ceremony Monday at the Freedom Fitness Center in Bamberg, Germany. Two weeks into his deployment in Afghanistan, Thao was wounded when a roadside bomb hit his Husky mine-detection vehicle in Wardak province.

## Estonian soldier is killed by bomb in Afghanistan's Helmand province

BY HEATH DRUZIN  
Stars and Stripes

NAD ALI DISTRICT, Afghanistan — An Estonian soldier was killed Tuesday morning in rural Helmand province when a bomb detonated near his patrol.

The soldier, whose name has not been released, was on foot patrol when he stepped on the bomb. The blast could be heard at nearby Patrol Base Wahid, where part of the Estonian contingent was preparing for a separate patrol.

Insurgents often target foot patrols in the area with bombs. On Saturday, another Estonian soldier was seriously injured in a similar blast while on patrol.

Estonia, a Baltic nation of 1.3 million people, has about 150 troops conducting combat operations in a volatile, opium-producing part of Helmand province.

Estonian soldiers at Wahid held a brief memorial service late in the day. Maj. Sergei Guselnikov led his soldiers in a moment of silence for their fallen comrade.

"Our duty must go on, and we must be strong," Guselnikov said.

While some other European countries have limited the type of missions in which their troops can participate, Estonian troops have been involved in heavy combat. Four Estonian soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan this year, all by roadside bombs, and 23 wounded. Estonia has lost seven soldiers since 2006.

Estonians first deployed combat troops to Afghanistan in 2006 and have seen heavy fighting in Helmand province since then. Before that, they sent a small contingent of military observers.

Roadside bombs, targeting both

vehicles and foot patrols, have been the biggest killer of coalition troops in Afghanistan.

A British soldier, Sgt. Robert Loughran-Dickson, was killed Nov. 18 outside the same patrol base by small-arms fire.

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## Delivery of fuel poses challenge in Afghan surge

BY STEVEN MUFSON  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's decision to send more troops to Afghanistan will magnify one of the Pentagon's biggest challenges: getting aviation and diesel fuel to U.S. air and ground forces there.

As the number of U.S. and coalition troops grows, the military is planning for thousands of additional tanker truck deliveries a month, big new storage facilities and dozens of contractors to navigate the landlocked country's terrain, politics and perilous supply routes. Though Obama has vowed to start bringing U.S. forces home in 18 months, some of the fuel storage facilities will not be completed until then, according to the contract specifications issued by the Pentagon's logistics planners.

"Getting into Afghanistan, which we need to do as quickly as we can possibly do it, is very difficult because ... next to Antarctica, Afghanistan is probably the most incommensurable place, from a logistics point of view, to be trying to fight a war," Ashton Carter, the undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, said recently.

The military's fuel needs are prodigious. According to the Government Accountability Office, about 300,000 gallons of jet fuel are delivered to Afghanistan each day, in addition to diesel, motor and aircraft gasoline. A typical Marine corps combat

brigade requires almost 500,000 gallons of fuel per day, according to a recent study by Deloitte Analysis, a research group.

The U.S. military remains heavily dependent upon supplies traveling long, winding and dangerous roads in the south from Pakistan to Afghanistan. Along those mountainous routes, theft is common and cash payoffs to insurgents and tribal leaders are believed to be made frequently by truck drivers navigating the region. The Defense Department reported that in June 2008, 44 trucks and 220,000 gallons of fuel were lost because of attacks or other events, the GAO reported.

"This has become a business," said Tommy Hakimi, chief executive of Mondo International, which arranges deliveries by 300 to 500 trucks a month. "The Taliban doesn't have interest in taking the life of a driver. And instead of blowing trucks up, they take possession. It's an asset. ... Most of the time, they will sell it on the black market."

In an effort to diversify its supply sources, the Defense Department is asking contractors to bring in more fuel supplies by northern routes. Although the routes are more secure, they are still long and costly. Contractors bring refined oil products from Russia and central Asia through pipelines or from Azerbaijan across the Caspian Sea before transferring the product to tanker trucks. It means making transit arrangements across Uzbekistan or Turkmenistan.

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# Four cited for heroism

## Top Marine officer: Afghan stronghold needs to be 'cracked'

By KENT HARRIS  
Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — As members of the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment start a new deployment in Afghanistan, soldiers who served with the unit during its last rotation continue to receive recognition for acts of heroism.

Three soldiers who were with "The Rock" in 2007-08 received medals in a ceremony Monday at Fort Benning, Ga. All are currently members of the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Staff Sgt. Justin D. Grimm received the Silver Star Medal for his actions at the battle of Wanat on July 13, 2008.

Nine soldiers from Company C died in the battle, the Army's deadliest of the eight-year conflict.

Grimm was a squad leader during the battle and manned a Squad Automatic Weapon and rendered first aid to fellow soldiers. He also lobbed grenades and emplaced a claymore mine under fire to deny enemy forces' attempts to overrun his position, according to Col. Bill Ostlund, former battalion commander and now deputy commander of the 75th.

Staff Sgts. Clifton M. Anderson and Michael J. Lawrence each received Bronze Star Medals with

Valor on Monday for their actions on June 23, 2008, at vehicle patrol base Seray.

Anderson, a squad leader, and Lawrence, a team leader, were both credited with leading the successful defense of the temporary base against multiple enemy attacks. Both exposed themselves to enemy fire numerous times while directing their men during the attack, Ostlund said.

Anderson and Lawrence received the battalion's 93rd and 94th Bronze Star with Valor medals for the tour.

Grimm was the 27th soldier to receive the Silver Star for actions during the tour.

The battalion has also had one Distinguished Service Cross recipient and more than 300 Army Commendation medals with

valor, making it one of the Army's most highly decorated battalions since the Vietnam War.

Several higher-level awards are pending Pentagon approval.

Twenty-four soldiers from the battalion died during the tour, along with a Marine and sailor who were training Afghan forces in their area.

Staff Sgt. Zachari A. Rushing, a former member of 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment — 2-503's sister battalion in the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team — was also honored in the ceremony.

He received the ARCOM with valor for his actions following a roadside bomb explosion during the tour, Ostlund said.

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Grimm



Lawrence



Anderson



Rushing

By JEFF SCHOGOL  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The insurgent stronghold of Marjah in southern Afghanistan needs to be "cracked open," said Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Conway.

Marjah, one of Helmand province's most strategically valuable locales, at the moment lies outside the control of U.S. and Afghan forces.

"You win the confidence of the people, whether it be Iraq or Afghanistan by being the strongest tribe," Conway said Tuesday.

"That means that there can be no place in our area of operations where we don't go, and right now, Marjah is one of those places."

Conway declined to elaborate on what might be done to win the town, saying it is a "pending operation."

The former NATO commander in southern Afghanistan said recently that securing Marjah is important to improving security in Kandahar.

"I think you will see some heavy kinetic fighting there," Dutch Maj. Gen. Mart de Kruif said, "but at the end of the day, you will see a tendency that once

the insurgents realize that we are going to stay and that we are going to have success in Marjah, they will probably blend in with the local population or move somewhere else," he said.

Of the 16,000 extra troops expected to be in Afghanistan next spring, about 1,500 Marines are expected to deploy this month, and another 6,200 Marines with Regimental Combat Team 2 are expected to be in country in early spring.

That will bring the total number of Marines deployed to Afghanistan to about 19,500.

On Tuesday, Conway said he does not anticipate the number of Marines in Afghanistan going above 20,000, and that would allow the Corps to give Marines two months at home for every one month they are deployed by mid- to late 2010.

He also indicated that Marines would not begin drawing down in Helmand province in July 2011.

"I think that what you will see is reduction of forces — U.S. forces — where the Afghans are ready to take over," Conway said. "Helmand does not fall into that category."

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## IN THE WORLD

# Pakistan market bombing leaves 33 dead, 60 hurt

By KHALID TANVEER  
The Associated Press

DERA GHAZI KHAN, Pakistan — A suicide car bomb exploded in a market close to the home of a politician in Pakistan's most populous province Tuesday, killing 33 people and wounding 60 others.

The blast in the Punjabi town of Dera Ghazi Khan was the latest in a series of attacks by Taliban militants avenging an army offensive against insurgents in the northwest.

More than 500 people have been killed.

The attacker detonated his explosives outside the house of the lawmaker, who was not at home at the time.

Most of the dead and injured were people shopping or working at the market. It was unclear whether the bomber targeted the politician's home or the market.

The attack badly damaged the house and several nearby shops and buildings, including a mosque and bank.

As night fell, people searched through the debris for survivors trapped under the rubble.

"The whole market has collapsed," said Raza Khan, a local resident. "There is smoke and people running here and there."

Rescue official Natiq Hayat

said 33 people were killed and 60 wounded. Government official Hasan Iqbal said the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber.

The lawmaker whose home was hit, Zulfiqar Khosa, is a senior member of the Pakistan Muslim League-N party, which is in charge of the Punjab government but is in the opposition in the federal government.

Police and politicians in Punjab are under pressure to crack down on militant networks that have long recruited in its poor villages and Islamic boarding schools.

The militants have staged several attacks in Punjab to illustrate their reach across the country, far beyond the northwest tribal regions bordering Afghanistan. Dera Ghazi Khan district is in Punjab but borders the country's other three provinces.

Zulfiqar Khosa's son, Dost Mohammad Khosa, said two of his cousins were among the wounded.

"It was a direct attack on us," Dost Mohammad Khosa alleged, declining to speculate who was behind the blast.

Iqbal said he doubted the house was the target, speculating the attacker simply wanted to spread terror in the town.

Militants have mostly targeted security forces in recent months, but lawmakers and court build-



SALEEM RAZA/AP

**A crane removes wreckage of vehicles damaged by a bombing in Dera Ghazi Khan in Punjab province, Pakistan, on Tuesday. A suicide car bomb exploded in a market close to the home of a politician in Pakistan's most populous province, killing 33 people and wounding dozens.**

ings also have been attacked.

There have also been at least three bombs in crowded markets, apparently aimed at causing civilian casualties and undercutting public support for the army offensive.

## Climate talks stuck on carbon decision

The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — In a showdown between the world's two largest polluters, China accused the United States and other rich nations Tuesday of backsliding on commitments to fight global warming and the top American envoy declared the U.S. would not change its offer on cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Trying to ease the tension, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said rich and poor countries must "stop pointing fingers" and should increase their pledges to cut emissions to salvage the faltering talks on a climate pact. The European Union also urged both the U.S. and China to increase their commitments on emissions targets.

Ban's warning in an interview with The Associated Press came as world leaders began arriving in Copenhagen, kicking the two-week conference into high gear in its quest to deliver a deal to

curb emissions that cause global warming.

Key issues remain, and the conference so far has been marked by sharp disagreements between China and the United States and deep divisions between rich and poor nations.

"You can't even begin to have an environmentally sound agreement without the adequate, significant participation of China," said U.S. special climate envoy Todd Stern.

China and other developing countries are resisting U.S.-led attempts to make their cuts in emissions growth binding and open to international scrutiny rather than voluntary.

President Barack Obama and Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao are expected in Copenhagen this week. The U.S. has offered a 3 percent to 4 percent cut in emissions by 2020, from 1990 levels. China has pledged to cut emissions per unit of production — by 40 percent to 45 percent by 2020.

## Thai jet's arms cache confiscated

The Associated Press

BANGKOK — A weapons-laden cargo plane impounded in Bangkok has links to at least two men accused of global arms trafficking, including one fighting extradition to the U.S. from Thailand, an analyst said Tuesday.

The five-man crew of the aircraft that arrived from North Korea — four from Kazakhstan and one from Belarus — have been charged with illegal arms possession and face up to 10 years

in prison.

Thai officials impounded the Ilyushin Il-76 transport plane when it landed in Bangkok on Saturday to refuel and discovered what they said was 35 tons of explosives, rocket-propelled grenades, components for surface-to-air missiles and other armaments — exported in defiance of a U.N. embargo against North Korea.

The men were being held at Bangkok's high-security Klong Prem Central Prison.



NELSON SALTING/AP

Filipinos evacuate the area near the Mayon volcano on Tuesday.

## Mayon volcano shows signs it might erupt

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines' most active volcano oozed lava and shot up plumes of ash Tuesday, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes.

State volcanologists raised the alert level on the cone-shaped, 8,070-foot Mayon volcano overnight to two steps below a major eruption after ash explosions.

Dark orange lava fragments glowed in the dark as they trickled down the mountain slope overnight. Renato Solidum, head of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, said the activity could get worse in coming days.

"It's already erupting," Solidum told The Associated Press.

More than 20,000 people were evacuated to safety by nightfall Tuesday, said Gov. Joey Salceda of Albay province.

The first of 20 vehicles, including army trucks, were sent to villages to take residents to schools

and other temporary housing, provincial emergency management official Jukes Nunez said.

Nearly 50,000 people live in a five-mile radius around the mountain, and some villages were evacuated last month when the volcano spewed ash.

Mayon last erupted in 2006. Salceda said Tuesday that he has placed the central province under a "state of imminent disaster," which will make it easier for him to draw and use emergency funds.

Although the alarm has been sounded, life continued normally in many laid-back farming villages near the restive volcano. Throngs of farmers flocked to the town hall in Guinobatan, which lies near the danger zone, for a Christmas party then headed home bearing gifts.

Village leader Romeo Opiana said the 249 residents in his farming community of Maninila, near the volcano, readied packs of clothes but no one had left.

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## WIRED WORLD

## BREAKING THE MOLD



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Air Force Maj. Kristi Beckman, social media chief at EUCOM, checks out her Twitter account while managing the command's blog.

## Military reaches out to wider audiences with expanded online presence

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Air Force Maj. Kristi Beckman spends much of her work day doing what others do for fun: perusing Facebook, Twitter and blogs. She is busy on them all as she works to inform her readers about the latest U.S. European Command activities and find out what others are saying about EUCOM.

Beckman's job title: social media chief. And one month into the job, she represents the latest addition to a EUCOM staff that is pushing deeper into the social media universe and also changing ideas about what military Web sites can do.

"I think telling people what we're doing out here and why we're still here is very important," said Beckman, of EUCOM's mission to build an audience through social media.

At EUCOM headquarters in Stuttgart, the past year has brought significant changes in how the command communicates its message to the world.

In a short time, Eucom.mil has gone from a relatively stagnant site, to one that is updated throughout the day with stories and photos both command-produced and from leading domestic and international newspapers.

It also serves as a launching point to the command's pages on Facebook and Twitter.

Now, under the command of Adm. James Stavridis — one of the Defense Department's most vocal social media proponents — EUCOM officials say its online effort is part of an ever-evolving push to become more transparent

## An outside opinion

How well has the military mastered using the Internet to get its message to the masses?

Stars and Stripes asked Kelly McBride, an expert on mass communication Web sites at The Poynter Institute, a leading education and training center for journalists and media leaders, to review a few sites:

## Misawa Air Base (www.misawa.af.mil)

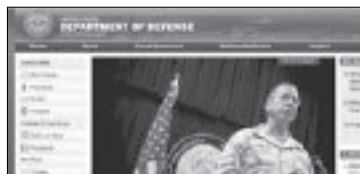
Like every other Air Force base worldwide, the Misawa page uses an Air Force template that allows for some wiggle room with the design.

Having a template and similarities with other bases' sites isn't necessarily a bad thing given how much Air Force servicemembers move around, McBride said. But one drawback with the site is its news features, McBride said.

"It doesn't look that dynamic and exciting," she said. "I don't see anything about where to get information about things [on the base and about the area]."



Misawa spokesman 2nd Lt. Jeff Nagan said the base's site gets 700 to 1,000 unique visitors a day and that number is going up. It reaches people around the world, but probably about 75 percent of the visitors are in the United States.



## DefenseLink (www.defenselink.mil)

"This one looks much more like a news site," McBride said. "I think it has a nice use of photos. They got that figured out."

But "there is no way to comment on these stories, and I think that is a big mistake."

Defenselink is primarily a news site, said Linda Kozaryn, who oversees defenselink's operation. It isn't designed to engage with the troops, that is one of the defense.gov site's purposes, she said. The site gets about 350,000 unique visitors a month.

By MARK ABRAMSON/Stars and Stripes

## U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet (www.cpf.navy.mil)

McBride blasted the site as being "horribly designed."

"Of the five that you showed me, this is the worst," McBride told Stars. "The content is pretty pointless."

Navy Pacific Fleet officials said via e-mail that the site was launched in November 1996 and it complies with the service's regulations. The site's purpose is to provide sailors, dependents and civilian employees with important information, and it accomplishes that, the Navy said.

According to the Navy, the Pacific Fleet's site has gotten 70,000 unique visitors in 2009, as of mid-October.



and reach a broader audience.

This plunge into social media traces its roots to a strategy crafted by a Navy captain, who used an order from EUCOM's former commander as an opportunity to put into action ideas about social media that he had on his mind for some time.

"In January, we were given an ultimatum from Gen. [John] Cradock. He said we need to update our Web site and we need to do it in two weeks," said Navy Capt. Ed Buclatin, the mastermind behind EUCOM's online efforts.

Since then, Eucom.mil has broken the mold for how traditional military Web sites function, Bu-

clatin said.

Now, other military commands are also getting into social media as a way to broadcast their message, particularly in Afghanistan.

Around the time Cradock issued his order, Buclatin's online playbook was passed along to Navy Lt. Adam Clappitt, who is part of NATO's International Security Assistance Force communications team in Afghanistan.

"We had a lot of inspiration from what EUCOM was doing," said Clappitt, who combined some of EUCOM's efforts with ideas of his own to revamp how ISAF talks about its mission.

"What we put together was a

robust social media structure to reach people that don't get news in traditional ways," Clappitt said. "It was an attempt to reach right to that audience and give them an accurate picture of what is happening."

For military commands, social media offers an avenue for getting information out in real time, an advantage in places like Iraq and Afghanistan where enemies are increasingly effective at using technology to blast their own messages.

At EUCOM, there aren't insurgents to counter, but in a post-cold war world, much of what the command does goes unnoticed, Bucla-

tin said.

"There are still a lot of folks unaware of what we do. Social media allows us to communicate in ways we never have before," Buclatin said. "We've never been able to establish a conversation and build a relationship."

The value of social networking can be a tough sell at times.

"We still do have naysayers, who think it's a bright shiny object, a fad. But not many," Buclatin said. "Unless you say people aren't going to be social anymore, social media isn't going away."

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# Study: Teens no longer say no to pot

BY DAVID N. GOODMAN  
The Associated Press

DETROIT — A decade-long decline in teens' use of pot has stalled and some teen attitudes on how harmful marijuana can be may be softening, according to a federal survey on teen drug use released Monday.

The findings were based on a survey of roughly 47,000 eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders conducted by the University of Michigan for the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The national debate over medical use of marijuana could be making the drugs seem safer to teenagers, researchers said. In

addition to marijuana, fewer teens also view prescription drugs and Ecstasy as dangerous, which often means more could use them in the future, said White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske.

These latest data confirm that we must redouble our efforts to implement a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to preventing and treating drug use," Kerlikowske said.

Marijuana use across the three grades showed a consistent downward trend starting in the late 1990s. But the decline has since stopped, and use rates for the three grades showed a slight uptick between 2007 and 2009, from about 12.9 percent to about 14.3

percent, lead researcher Lloyd Johnston said Monday night.

In the 2009 survey, reported past-year marijuana use was 32.8 percent of 12th graders, 26.7 percent of 10th graders and 11.8 percent of eighth graders, generally not much changed from 2008.

Marijuana was at its recent peak in 1997, when 17.7 percent of eighth-grade students, 34.8 percent of 10th-grade students and 38.5 percent of 12th-grade reported using the drug at least once within a year of being interviewed.

Students were asked how much people risk harming themselves if they smoke marijuana occasionally or smoke marijuana regular-

ly. Fewer eighth-grade students said that people who smoked pot put themselves at great risk than a year ago.

"When the perception of the danger goes down, in the following years you see an increase in use," said National Institute on Drug Abuse Director Nora Volkow.

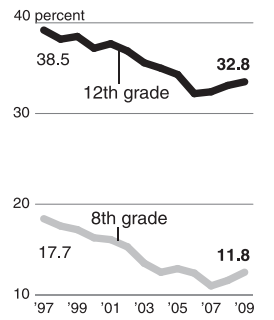
A group backing legalization of marijuana said the figures show the futility of trying to ban pot, rather than regulate its use.

"Clearly, regulation of tobacco products has worked to curb access by teens, and it's time to apply those same sensible policies to marijuana," said Bruce Mirken, spokesman for the Washington-based Marijuana Policy Project.

## Decline in teen pot use stalls

The use of marijuana has leveled off after nearly a decade of steady decline.

Marijuana use, in the 12 months prior to the survey

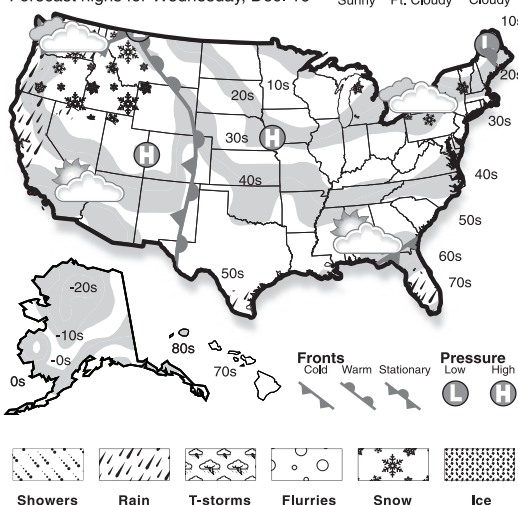


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## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Dec. 16



### Active weather persists in the Northwest and the East

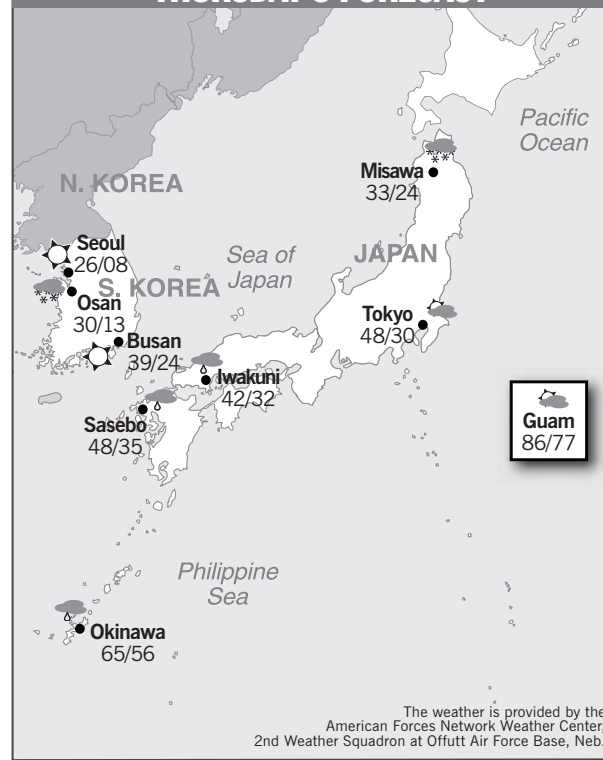
Pacific disturbances will continue to crash into the Pacific Northwest Coast with mixed precipitation and gusty winds. In the East, lake effect precipitation will develop in the Great Lakes and the Northeast, while showers persist in the Southeast.

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### Tuesday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	29	24	pc	La Paz	66	35	pc
Athens	57	42	rn	Lima	75	65	cdy
Auckland	69	60	rn	Lisbon	51	41	clr
Baghdad	66	45	clr	London	42	33	rn
Basra	69	52	pc	Madrid	45	29	sn
Bahrain	72	65	pc	Managua	91	73	clr
Bangkok	91	75	pc	Manila	87	74	clr
Barbados	86	71	pc	Mecca	91	64	clr
Barcelona	48	40	rn	Melbourne	67	53	pc
Beijing	37	19	clr	Mexico City	71	44	clr
Beirut	70	59	rn	Montevideo	78	59	pc
Belgrade	37	32	sn	Montreal	34	19	sn
Berlin	33	28	pc	Moscow	24	-11	sn
Bermuda	72	62	rn	Nairobi	81	61	pc
Bogota	68	42	clr	Nassau	84	72	rn
Brasilia	81	67	rn	New Delhi	73	51	clr
Brisbane	86	73	rn	Nice	55	40	pc
Brussels	32	24	clr	Osaka	57	39	clr
Bucharest	38	26	pc	Oslo	28	19	sn
Budapest	28	26	sn	Panama	92	74	clr
Buenos Aires	84	65	pc	Paris	33	26	pc
Cairo	70	54	pc	Perth	83	52	pc
Calgary	-4	-26	sn	Prague	27	24	sn
Caracas	84	75	clr	Rio de Janeiro	80	69	cdy
Colombo	82	75	rn	Rome	50	44	rn
Copenhagen	33	31	cdy	San Jose	82	69	clr
Dhahran	73	60	clr	San Juan	85	73	rn
Dhaka	79	59	clr	San Salvador	89	66	clr
Dili	90	74	cdy	Santiago	90	59	clr
Dubai	74	60	clr	Sao Paulo	72	60	cdy
Dublin	44	30	rn	Sapporo	32	22	sn
Frankfurt	32	26	sn	Seoul	37	24	clr
Geneva	34	30	pc	Singapore	87	78	rn
Guatemala	77	58	pc	Sofia	33	28	sn
Hanoi	83	68	pc	Stockholm	32	24	sn
Harare	70	62	rn	Sydney	71	67	rn
Havana	86	66	clr	Taipei	68	66	rn
Helsinki	14	1	sn	Tegucigalpa	79	66	rn
Hong Kong	74	65	rn	Tehran	55	37	pc
Islamabad	65	41	pc	Tel Aviv	63	51	rn
Istanbul	49	36	pc	Tokyo	50	46	rn
Jakarta	90	75	pc	Turin	38	26	pc
Jerusalem	63	51	rn	Toronto	41	33	rn
Johannesburg	61	53	rn	Tunis	65	51	rn
Kabul	46	30	pc	Valletta	65	57	rn
Kiev	18	10	sn	Vancouver	34	24	sn
Kuala Lumpur	92	75	rn	Vienna	27	21	sn
Kuwait	68	53	clr	Warsaw	30	25	cdy
				Zurich	28	26	cdy

## THURSDAY'S FORECAST



### Wednesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	43	23	Clr	Erie	27	21	Cldy	Jacksonville	62	57	Cldy	Montgomery	60	39	Clr	Richmond	44	32	Clr	Springfield, Ill.	32	11	Clr
Abilene, Texas	53	25	Clr	Charleston, S.C.	57	46	PCldy	Eugene	50	43	Rain	Juneau	30	21	Snow	Nashville	44	26	Clr	Roanoke	45	32	Clr	Springfield, Mo.	44	16	Clr
Akron, Ohio	28	18	Clr	Charleston, W.Va.	37	22	PCldy	Evansville	36	17	Clr	Kansas City	39	11	Clr	New Orleans	61	46	Clr	Rochester	28	21	Snow	Syracuse	29	23	Snow
Albany, N.Y.	28	21	PCldy	Charlotte, N.C.	50	35	Clr	Fairbanks	11B18	Clr	Key West	82	74	PCldy	New York City	38	31	Clr	Rockford	21B02	Clr	Tallahassee	65	55	Cldy		
Albuquerque	50	26	PCldy	Chattanooga	51	31	Clr	Fargo	12B11	Cldy	Knoxville	47	29	Clr	Newark	37	31	Clr	Sacramento	56	42	Rain	Tampa	76	65	Cldy	
Allentown, Pa.	36	27	PCldy	Cheyenne	48	30	PCldy	Flagstaff	45	15	PCldy	Lake Charles	58	42	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	44	40	Clr	St Louis	40	16	Clr	Toledo	28	16	Cldy
Amarillo	57	22	Clr	Chicago	25	09	Clr	Flint	26	14	Cldy	Lansing	26	12	Cldy	North Platte	35	05	PCldy	St Petersburg	75	66	Cldy	Topeka	41	13	Clr
Anchorage	15	11	Cldy	Cincinnati	36	20	PCldy	Fort Smith	55	26	Clr	Las Vegas	59	43	PCldy	Oklahoma City	47	25	Clr	St Thomas	84	75	PCldy	Tucson	69	39	PCldy
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Austin	53	35	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	62	42	Clr	Grand Junction	36	10	PCldy	Los Angeles	71	50	PCldy	Pendleton	38	36	Snow	San Antonio	55	39	Cldy	Washington, D.C.	41	34	PCldy
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Baton Rouge	60	41	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	28	22	Clr	Great Falls	42	26	Clr	Lubbock	55	22	Clr	Philadelphia	40	32	Clr	San Francisco	57	50	Rain	Wichita	44	16	PCldy
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## A reason for Tiger's fall?

I've been following the Tiger Woods field day the media are having and read numerous opinions from both journalists and people like myself. Some say he's still the greatest golfer and his personal life doesn't matter ... he'll bounce back just like Kobe Bryant.

Others have tried to label him as the "devil of 2009" and think he should be stripped of everything he owns. Still others wonder how he could cheat on a beautiful model and risk his marriage and kids.

There are hundreds of reasons to cheat on a spouse and almost none of them ever qualifies as an excuse, but there is one glaring opinion that I think has been missed.

Tiger Woods' father died on May 3, 2006, before the earliest claims of these affairs even began. Tiger's father not only created his "golden boy" image by comparing him to Gandhi, he was probably the one person Tiger looked up to and would never want to disappoint. Is it possible that once his father died, he either: (a) lost his anchor that kept him moored to his father's image of him, or (b) no longer felt he needed to live up to values that had been pushed on him from the age of 2?

I'm not offering this as an excuse for Tiger in any way. If you want to fool around, stay single. However, almost all of us go through a wild-child period where we know the difference between right and wrong and simply choose to do wrong until we're faced with painful consequences. It is usually when we're hit with those consequences that we finally straighten up and fly right. But when you've flown right all

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your life, it's only going to be much more dramatic and tragic when you finally crash.

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Jones  
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## Go back to service numbers

"DOD to miss deadline for removing Social Security numbers from IDs" (article, Dec. 5) is an issue near and dear to my heart.

[When] we converted from military service numbers to Social Security numbers, I am sure no one could envision an envi-

ronment where our numbers could be exploited the way they have. Now, we have a large problem. That [the change to Social Security numbers] originated in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) might reveal that it was for the ease of accounting with the introduction of the new Joint Uniform Military Pay System.

Now, DOD has recognized this problem by taking off SSNs from identification cards and correspondence. However, there still exists a need for a number associated with identifying service personnel that can be used outside of the finance realm. I would, therefore, suggest that we go back to the military service number and leave the SSN for the disbursing offices and finance offices. If we went back to MSNs, we could have a number that, if exploited, would not tie the individual servicemember to any personal financial data. DOD could get a computer to assign MSNs to all veterans that in-processed after those dates where we left off, so they will have service numbers to use with Veterans Affairs and then start issuing MSNs to current recruits and officer candidates.

I write this from experience. My SSN and identity were compromised and I wished then that I had a service number; I wish I had one now, knowing how easily SSNs have been compromised. It is only a matter of time before someone's SSN is compromised for nefarious purposes, and this could very well become a force protection issue, in that people could be blackmailed, influenced or bribed.

Maj. Stew Rayfield (retired)  
Afghanistan

## Berating bankers misses the mark

Chicago Tribune editorial

It's no secret what caused the financial crisis of 2008, which helped turned a mild recession into the worst downturn in decades. Banks and other financial institutions, expecting real estate values to rise forever, had gone on a mortgage lending spree, shoveling out credit to people who couldn't have qualified in the past. When the housing bubble burst, many people couldn't make their payments — or chose not to repay mortgages that suddenly exceeded the value of the homes. Gruesome repercussions followed.

The whole experience was a powerful lesson in the value of prudence in lending. In the go-go atmosphere of the era, banks got reckless, and they and everyone else ended up paying dearly for the mistake. The federal government had to provide hundreds of billions of dollars in loans to keep the financial sector afloat; many institutions failed and economic growth went south. So President Barack Obama had some basis for his blunt message to bankers Monday that "you guys caused the problem."

Where he went wrong was in telling them what to do next — namely, increase lending. He said that "America's banks received extraordinary assistance from American taxpayers to rebuild their industry, and now that they're back on their feet, we expect an extraordinary commitment from them to help rebuild our economy." After saying earlier that "I did not run for office to be helping out a bunch of fat cat bankers on Wall Street," the president emphasized to bank executives that "we expect some results."

His words bring to mind the sardonic workplace poster: The floggings will continue until morale improves. If you want to imbue bankers with confidence and optimism, stern lectures and insults are not the way to do it.

Nor is a fiscal program that piles up government debt and raises the prospect that Washington will eventually decide to re-

duce that debt through inflation — at the expense of lenders. One reason banks are reluctant to lend is that the president's economic program creates a lot of uncertainty, and uncertainty breeds timidity.

There is something cockeyed about demanding that banks move back toward the easy-credit policies that set off the crisis. They now know the perils of loose practices, and they need to keep those in mind. But there is no reason to think, as Obama suggests, that they are routinely refusing sensible loans to safe borrowers — which, after all, constitutes the way they make money.

Bankers do owe the public something for the government's lifeline: their best judgment about how much credit to offer and what borrowers to accept. Suppressing their doubts and lending more just because the president wants them to is an invitation to repeat a disaster.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

## Goal of containing Iran just boxes U.S. in

By DANIELLE PLETKA

Iran is proceeding with an aggressive nuclear weapons program, and a few dogged holdouts notwithstanding, much of the Obama administration has come to terms with that reality. Official Washington has resigned itself to pursuing a containment policy that some argue will limit Iran's ability to proliferate, terrorize and otherwise exploit being a nuclear power. But it is wrong to think a nuclear Iran can be contained.

The containment argument runs along Cold War lines: The price of breakout is too high; the regime cares only about power, not about using weapons; containment will be simple because the Arabs are so scared of Iran they'll do anything to help us; President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad doesn't have his finger on the button. In fact, these arguments are either false or misleading.

The Shiite regime in Tehran is far more skilled than its Sunni counterparts in the world of nuclear aspirations and sponsoring terrorists. A careful student of history, it surely realizes that the international community has meted out little punishment to nuclear transgressors. Tehran probably sees itself more in the mold of India, a great power whose nuclear weapons are acknowledged and now accepted, than of North Korea, a lunacy without

serious global aspirations or influence. Those Iranian officials who advocate withdrawal from the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty do so not because they see Iran becoming the Shiite hermit kingdom but because they think Persia no longer needs to be constrained by status-quo powers and their status-quo treaties.

Advocates of containment and deterrence suggest that Iran will be encircled by a "like-minded group" of nations bent on raising the costs of adventurism. This absurd notion rests on weak reeds in Europe and Arabs deeply hesitant to act. And who can blame the neighboring Arabs? Egged on by distant powers to cut Iranian access to banking and shipping, they suspect they will be hung out to dry by the next world leader eyeing a Nobel Peace Prize.

Worse, the common notion of deterrence is ill-designed for the regime in Tehran. Perhaps it is unfair to suggest that today's Iranian leadership is fashioned from different cloth than the Soviets; after all, we are often reminded that the doctrine of mutually assured destruction worked with the Soviet Union for half a century. But even the most ardent hawks have serious doubts about U.S. resolve to "totally obliterate" Iran in the event of a nuclear attack on, say, Israel — despite Hillary Rodham Clinton's threat, as a presidential candidate, to do just

that. Rather, most see the usual hemming and hawing about "certainty," "provocations" and "escalation" as the far more likely rhetoric should such an event occur. And if we in Washington see it that way, why would the Iranians think differently?

Many also scoff at the notion that a responsible Iranian leader would risk using or transferring nuclear weapons or technology. We are told that Ahmadinejad (who most acknowledge is crazy enough to use such a weapon) won't make the final decision. But the regime is remarkably opaque, and shifting power centers ensure that even capable intelligence agencies have low levels of certainty about decision-making in Iran's nuclear program. If our intelligence community's prognostications about Iran's reaction to the Obama engagement policy are any indication (apparently they predicted that Iran was desperate to talk), then it seems safe to conclude that no one knows whose finger will be on Iran's nuclear trigger.

It is possible that Iran will amass enough fissile material to make a bomb and then choose not to fashion a weapon or test. But that is not the history of states that have clandestine nuclear programs. It's also possible that once it possesses such a weapon, Iran will neither use it nor share the technology. But there are few



things Iran has not been willing to share, and it is certain to be tempted to use its nuclear weapons as a shield from behind which it can engage in adventurism in Lebanon, Iraq and Israel.

Advocates of a containment policy suggest that in the absence of effective diplomacy or sanctions that deliver results, the stark U.S. options are acquiescence or military action. Privately, Obama administration officials confess that they believe Israeli action will pre-empt our policy debate, as Israel's tolerance for an Iranian nuke is significantly lower than our own. But subcontracting American national security to Israel is an appalling notion, and

we cannot assume that an Israeli action would not provoke a wider regional conflict into which the United States would be drawn.

There are few good options available to roll back Iran's nuclear weapons program. Nonetheless, after a year of false starts and failed initiatives, the Obama administration should be pressed to find a new way forward. At the very least, we must hope the president's new policy will not find footing in the false notion that a nuclear Iran can be contained.

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## Keep spirit of debate that created Bill of Rights

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Watching the often vitriolic debates in Congress these days can be disturbing. But disagreement and debate are part of our national DNA. Consider the Bill of Rights, which was as controversial when first debated as parts of it still are today.

The founders of our country, united in the revolution, were divided over the issue of including a bill of rights in the Constitution of 1787. And although those first 10 amendments were eventually ratified — 218 years ago this week — the outcome was at times in doubt.

James Madison and other Federalists opposed adding a bill of rights. They argued that the document hammered out at the Constitutional Convention granted only limited powers to the national government and that it was therefore unnecessary to enumerate rights the new government had no power to abridge. They also argued that by enumerating specific rights, other unnamed rights might not be protected.

Virginia delegate George Mason argued vehemently for a bill of rights. When the majority at the convention failed to act, he and two others refused to sign the completed Constitution. The Anti-Federalists, among them Patrick Henry, argued that the strong national government proposed in the Constitution threatened state sovereignty and individual rights.

The lack of a bill of rights provoked conflict as states debated ratifying the Constitution. Five states ratified easily, but a strong opposition emerged at the Massachusetts convention. Finally, two delegates, John Adams and John Hancock, negotiated a compromise. Massachusetts would ratify

but would also recommend amendments to the Constitution to the new Congress.

Subsequent states made similar calls for amendments, many about safeguarding basic rights. After the Constitution was finally ratified, the first Congress met and took up the question of rights. Responding to seven states' calls for amendments, Rep. James Madison addressed the House on the issue. Originally in opposition, Madison had changed his mind. He prepared the list of amendments that, after much more debate, conflict and compromise, became our Bill of Rights.

Today we still debate the Bill of Rights. But these debates focus on the meaning of the amendments, not their inclusion.

Consider the Second Amendment. Can everyone have as many guns or any kind of gun, or can guns be restricted, registered and regulated? What does the First

Amendment mean? Can the Ten Commandments be displayed in government buildings? What place does prayer have in public schools?

Then there are the due process rights in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth amendments. Are prisoners held by the U.S. at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, entitled to those rights?

We may disagree, but these and many other issues that we care about — that define our lives — are debated and contested based on those words written so long ago.

Given the nature of modern political discourse, too often driven by partisanship, power-seeking and punditry, one wonders if we would be able to craft a constitution or a bill of rights today.

Indeed, can we even manage to address the controversial issues that do face us? How many Madisons are out there willing to compromise or reverse positions for the

good of the country?

For our democracy to continue to flourish, we must have an educated and involved citizenry. We must have leaders who can debate and compromise. ...

Schools must encourage civic learning. Students should have plenty of practice in structured discussion of politics and controversial issues to help them learn to analyze cause and effect and multiple points of view, present fact- and logic-based opinions, and listen to others. ...

We celebrate the Bill of Rights, not only for its importance but because of the actions that brought it into being — the passionate and reasonable contributions of wise leaders and active citizens.

Jonathan Estrin and Marshall Croddy are president and vice president, respectively, of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit dedicated to civic education. This column first appeared in The Los Angeles Times.

## Prickly City flashback



By SCOTT STANTIS



## Deer is caught in Christmas lights

**CO** COLORADO SPRINGS — Santa may not need Rudolph's red nose this year.

Residents in Colorado Springs have been reporting a deer with a tangle of Christmas lights wrapped in its antlers. Neighbors have tried to chase the buck to remove the lights, with no success.

State wildlife officials said it's not unusual for deer to get tangled in outdoor decorations.

Wildlife authorities said they had reports two weeks earlier of another deer in Colorado springs with lights caught in its antlers.

Wildlife managers said they simply leave decorated deer alone unless they hear reports of deer with cords caught around their necks or mouths.

Residents have been asked to use shorter strings of lights and to keep lights off trees and bushes.

## Suspected double death plan goes wrong

**HI** HONOLULU — Honolulu police said a man accused of trying to fatally shoot his terminally ill wife in her hospital bed has apparently committed suicide by hanging.

Officials said Robert Yagi, 71, was found dead in his Kailua home.

Yagi was free on bail after being charged with second-degree attempted murder in the shooting at Castle Medical Center.

According to court documents, Yagi may have wanted to end the life of Leatrice Yagi, 71, because she's suffering from a terminal illness. Leatrice Yagi suffered only minor injuries.

## Dillinger-linked gun sells for \$19,120

**TX** DALLAS — An auction house said a wooden gun that John Dillinger's relatives believe was hand-carved and used by the one-time "Public Enemy No. 1" to escape jail has sold for \$19,120 at auction.

The artifact was one of 11 items put up for bid by Dillinger's younger sister, Frances Helen Dillinger, at an Arms & Militaria auction at Heritage Auctions in Dallas.

Heritage arms and militaria director Dennis Lowe said the notorious Depression-era bank robber supposedly used the item to bluff his way out of a Crown Point, Ind., jail on March 3, 1934.

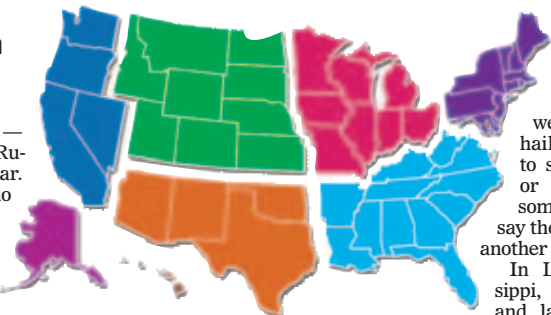
A \$14,340 winning bid was made for a dollar bill said to have been in Dillinger's pocket when he was gunned down by FBI agents near a Chicago theater in June 1934.

## Drag queen pageant to return to Atlantic City

**NJ** ATLANTIC CITY — It's time to start dusting off those feather boas.

The Miss'd America Pageant will return to Atlantic City after a five-year hiatus.

The drag queen beauty pageant and charity fundraiser was created as a spoof of the Miss America Pageant, which has since left the city. The pageant raised an estimated \$250,000 for the AIDS Alli-



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ance from 1992 to 2004.

The new Miss'd America Pageant will take place on Jan. 31 at Boardwalk Hall.

## Intruder had a clean slate when arrested

**TX** TYLER — A 25-year-old man suspected of breaking into an east Texas house was jailed after police found him taking a bath in the house.

Police Sgt. Matthew Smyser said a resident called to report that a man had kicked in the front door of the house. While en route, officers were advised the resident had left the house but the intruder remained inside.

Officers entered the house to find the man had stripped and was taking a bath. After a brief struggle, Larry Tacey was arrested and booked into the Smith County Jail.

## Southern lawmakers seek aid for farmers

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — Some Southern lawmakers are seeking billions of dollars in emergency aid for farmers after recent natural disaster declarations in at least 20 states.

A farm disaster program authorized by Congress last year still isn't fully in place, and even if it was, some lawmakers say its design could keep many farmers with losses this year waiting for help until January 2011. The



## Ready for the flight

Jill Swenson chats with reindeer Holly at their farm in White House, Tenn. Swenson and her husband, David Pepper, initially thought about opening a Christmas tree farm but thought owning reindeer would be more novel. The reindeer made their first public appearance at the state Capitol Christmas tree lighting.

U.S. Department of Agriculture's disaster declarations allow farmers affected by weather ranging from hail to volcanic emissions to seek low-interest loans or other assistance, but some debt-laden farmers say the last thing they need is another loan.

In Louisiana and Mississippi, early season drought and late-season rains compounded the losses many growers suffered due to the 2008 hurricanes. Lawmakers from Mississippi and Arkansas are helping lead a push for at least \$2.1 billion in emergency farm aid and hope to gain approval by year's end from a Congress that has been focused on the health care debate.

## Big bird's talon caught in Metro escalator

**DC** WASHINGTON — Every so often in the Washington Metro subway system, a foot gets caught in an escalator.

Usually, the culprit is a shoe lace or a flip-flop. This time it was a bird's talon.

D.C. fire department spokesman Pete Piringier said rescuers were called to the Benning Road station in northeast Washington because a large bird of prey — possibly a hawk or a falcon — had its foot stuck in the escalator.

Metro employees shut off the power, and a passer-by held the bird to keep it from injuring itself more.

When firefighters arrived, they removed a portion of the escalator to free the bird.

Piringier said that despite a slightly injured foot, the bird flew to the top of a nearby gas station, where it sat for a while before continuing on its way.

## Thousands evacuate after gas leak

**OH** COLUMBUS — Officials said a gas leak forced about 4,000 workers to evacuate an industrial area of Columbus, Ohio.

Fire Battalion Chief David Whiting said firefighters were called to Heartland Petroleum after a leak of hydrogen and hydrogen sulfide.

Whiting said emergency medical crews treated three people and took one to a hospital after a tube leaked.

He said the gas cloud dissipated and the air is safe around the plant, which recycles oil.

## Drought a disaster for Big Island and Maui

**HI** HONOLULU — An extreme drought partly caused by El Nino has prompted the Federal government to declare the Big Island and Maui agricultural disaster areas.

The disaster declaration by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack paves the way for federal financial assistance to drought-wracked farming regions, according to a joint statement released by Sens. Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akala.

The heart of Kona coffee farming country has received only 39 percent of its usual rainfall this year, the statement said. Kahua Ranch in the Kohala Mountains above Waimea has received only 38 percent of its normal 70 inches.



## Faulty? Phooey

The Ocean Tower is brought down with explosives on South Padre Island, Texas. The building was demolished after it was discovered that the faulty foundation was causing the building to sink into the sand.



## Where's my gold, or is it myrrh?

Donald Jenny, playing King Caspar, fends off a pair of overanxious camels as he waits for his cue during the 31st annual live Bethlehem Christmas pageant in Bethlehem, Pa.





Racing to the finish

Greyhound Endoor leads the pack around the first turn at the Raynham Park track in Raynham, Mass. Although dog racing has existed in the state for 75 years, it is expected to come to an end Dec. 26.



Heavenbound

Central Lutheran's senior pastor Richard Nelson and assistant pastor Kristen Jacobson stand near the historic spire cross that was damaged by a tornado in August. The Minneapolis church held a ceremony as a 200-foot crane raised the 900-pound cross back to the spire and permanently reattached it.



Balloons won't hold them up

Jordan Cobbins, 6, of Covington, Ky., starts to fall down on the ice as he and his friends ice skate in downtown Cincinnati.



A beaten-up bulwark

Dan Farrell takes his daily morning walk along a seawall on Kennebunk Beach in Kennebunk, Maine. The wall took a beating in a recent series of winter storms along the East Coast.

Target admits to error in advertising organic milk

**WI** MADISON—Target Corp. has admitted to wrongly advertising soy milk as organic, the U.S. Agriculture Department said in a letter announcing the conclusion of its investigation into a complaint filed by a farm policy group. Target told the USDA that it is reviewing its processes to ensure that it doesn't make the mistake again, according to a letter sent by the USDA to the Wisconsin-based Cornucopia Institute. Target advertised Silk soy milk in newspapers with the term "organic" written on the carton's label when in fact the soy milk on sale in stores was properly labeled as not coming from organically grown soybeans.

Police: Hotel robbery leaves 1 dead, 1 hurt

**AK** ANCHORAGE — One man was killed and another wounded during a robbery at a downtown Anchorage hotel, police said. Officers arrived at the Inlet Inn and found the two gunshot victims. One was an employee, the other was his friend. According to witnesses, a man wearing a blue bandanna robbed the front desk employee and then shot him. He then shot the other man, who was in the hotel's lobby. The shooter took off on foot and police are still looking for him.

300 hotel guests moved after bacteria kills guest

**FL** MIAMI — About 300 guests have been relocated from a luxury Miami hotel after one guest died and at least two others became sick from a bacteria in the water. Health officials say the guests at the Epic Hotel were sent to nearby hotels to prevent further contact with Legionnaire's disease. An investigation revealed that the hotel had installed a water filter powerful enough to remove chlorine from its city-supplied water, which encouraged bacterial growth.

Suspect in police killing pleads not guilty

**WA** SEATTLE — A man accused of killing a Seattle police officer on Halloween pleaded not guilty to several charges. Prosecutors said Christopher Monfort, 41, was conducting a "one man war" on police when he shot Officer Timothy Brenton and wounded Officer Britt Sweeney as they sat in a parked patrol car. He's also accused of firebombing police cars on Oct. 22. Sweeney did not speak to reporters after the arraignment.

High school reopens after attack threat

**NJ** BRIDGEWATER—Police are on hand as students return to a New Jersey high school that prosecutors say was the target of a "Columbine-like" plot, which was uncovered when authorities found a cache of weapons in one teen's home. Authorities say a 16-year-old junior who shoots competitively was arrested after a police resource officer at the school was told the teen

was planning an attack.

4 hikers saved after overnight stranding

**CA** ALTADENA — Three men and an 11-year-old boy have been rescued by helicopter after being stranded in a Pasadena-area Canyon. Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Phil Barth said the four hikers rescued from Eaton Canyon were "cold and shaken, but otherwise unharmed." They were trapped by what authorities say was a "torrent of water and debris flow" brought by a weekend storm.

Brothel to hire first legal male prostitutes

**NV** LAS VEGAS — The owner of a brothel said she hopes to hire Nevada's first legal male prostitutes within a month, now that state health officials have approved a method to test men for infectious diseases. Until now, men have been effectively barred from legally plying the world's oldest profession in Nevada by the specificity of a state health law requiring prostitutes to undergo frequent cervical testing for sexually transmitted diseases. The health board approved a regulation to allow urethral testing for men.

Suspect in 1981 tribal murders booked

**CA** RIVERSIDE — A former tribal security official-turned-preacher accused of killing a Cabazon tribal leader and two friends in 1981 has been extradited and is behind bars in California's Riverside County. Sheriff's Detective John Powers said James "Jimmy" Hughes was booked and jailed in Riverside. Hughes faces three counts of murder and a count of conspiracy for allegedly killing Fred Alvarez to prevent him from exposing illegal reservation activities.

46 people injured in 50-car pileup

**CT** SHELTON — Police say at least 50 cars crashed in a chain-reaction collision on a wet Connecticut road that was turning icy, and 46 people reported minor injuries. Shelton police Detective Sgt. Kevin Ahern said six people were taken to hospitals from the wreck on state route 110. The injuries were not life-threatening.

Ike aftermath linked to higher food need

**TX** GALVESTON— Being hungry in Galveston County is more of a reality since Hurricane Ike. Charitable agencies in Galveston, Brazoria and Chambers counties say demand for food aid has doubled since Ike made landfall in September 2008. Mark Davis with Gleanings From the Harvest for Galveston is pushing to create a food bank in Galveston County, an effort especially needed during the tough economic times. Spokeswoman Betsy Ballard told the Houston Chronicle that these are "people who are newly impoverished."



# Horoscope

Venus and Mars are both in bright-ly energized fire signs. Venus is in the adventurous realm of Sagittarius, and Mars is posturing in Leo, the realm of the ferocious lion. The masculine and feminine forces form a lovely trine now, turning up the heat and interest between men and women everywhere. Flirt and watch the sparks fly.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 17).** This year is marked by your constant hunger for adventure. A mentor shows up to present new possibilities in January. Someone asks for your love and devotion in February. You'll travel and seek education in May. You'll be working hard through the early spring, and June brings an impressive payday. Aries and Gemini people adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Someone with a more scientific frame of mind will impress you with their talent for knowing the names of things. It's fun to have a friend who can tell you what kind of tree you're standing next to.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your love of order is based on a very rational principle: You get more things done when you're organized. Today that order is temporarily disrupted, but out of the brief chaos something new emerges.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Family disharmony becomes a thing of the past. Everyone will get along better, and someone in particular will make a sacrifice that benefits the whole. You'll be proud of your kind.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You'll plead your case; however, even the most legitimate excuse may be lost on some particularly deaf ears. Consider that it might be best to make a compromise in favor of future harmony.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** A random adventure is just what is needed to shake loose a new creative idea.

Even a short walk can get the sap flowing. You are about to have the breakthrough you've been looking for.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Friendship is a gift. But sometimes it's a gift that is best exchanged for a better fit. Consider the influence your friends have over you. Be on your own side. Hang around only those who make you feel good about yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Issues erupt around you, but very few of them are worth getting into. Stay focused on yourself. The only battle that is really worthwhile is the one in which you conquer your own weaknesses.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll feel inclined to be extremely hard on yourself. This is a direct reaction to your ambitions, which are so big that you realize you must grow to catch up with them.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Once you get your emotional needs met, you'll be effective. If it takes all day, it will be time well spent. When you get down to work, you will be able to accomplish amazing things in the span of one hour.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Regard the little details of a relationship as important — greeting each other kindly, exchanging casual niceties and exiting on a happy note. These simple gestures may very well be the glue holding the thing together.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Steer clear of stale topics, dreary environments and people who live in overly serious moods. The people who are enjoying themselves are doing something right. Find out what it is.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** In a flattering and perhaps even validating gesture, you'll be offered what you don't really want. You will prove your diplomacy by making clear your position without hurting anyone's feelings.

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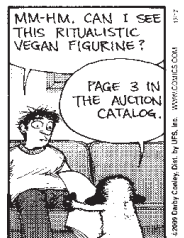
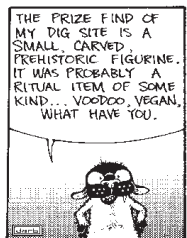
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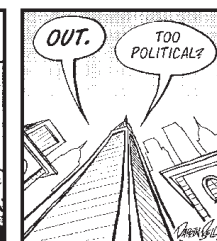
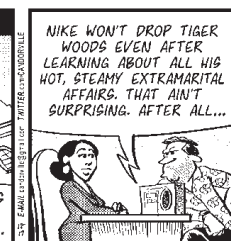
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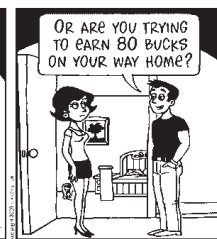
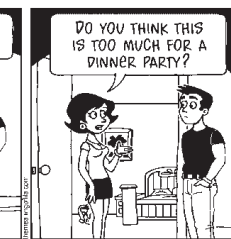
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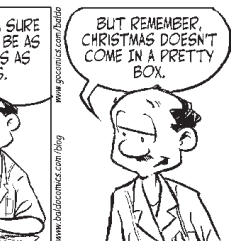
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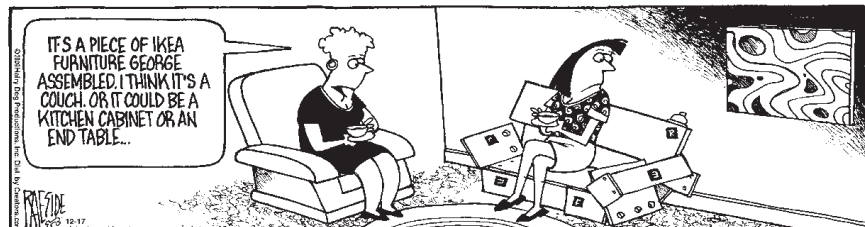
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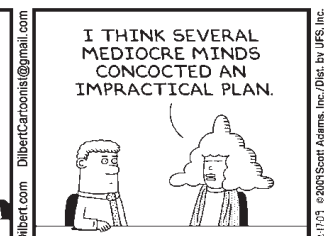
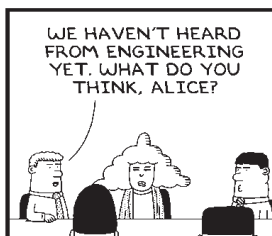
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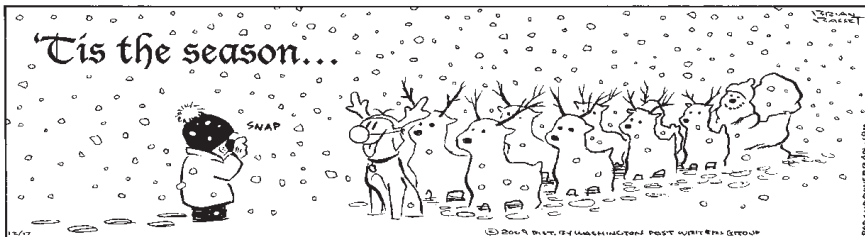
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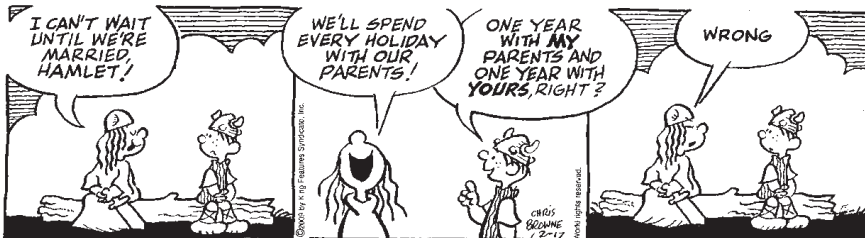
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- Garment of India
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- Hodgepodge
- Lendl or Pavlov
- Rocky peak
- Island guitars
- Recipient
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- "Going Rogue" memoirist
- "Spirit of '76" musician
- Snitch
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- Lummo
- "You've got mail" co.

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- "— It Romantic?"
- Paradise
- Commotion
- "Untouchables" role

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- Grotto
- Cereal choice
- Mental attitude
- Bring the food
- In bygone times
- Sheriff
- March King
- High-pH
- Dessert choice
- "Help!"
- Listener
- Make up your
- Book supplement
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- Tattooist's supply
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- Hawkeye
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- English river
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- Sounds of disapproval
- Turn blue?
- Scepter
- Answer 11-Down

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Yokota - 1992 Eunos Roadster (Mazda Miata). Red with black convertible top. 1.6L 4 cyl. Automatic. PW, AC, CD/MP3 Player with Aux-in, 97K Km. JCI good till Mar 2011 \$1500 OBO 267-6312

Yokota, Japan - '00 Mercedes-Benz C200 WG Mileage: 62,000km Body type: Station Wagon (W202) EG Description: 2.0L Fuel Type: Gas Transmission: 5 Speed AT Drive Train Type: RDW Exterior: Dark Blue Metallic Interior: Gray X Blue Others:2-front and both side air bag, ABS, ESP, Electronic key w/immobilizer, 17inch AW, LED Turn Signal Mirror include: Maintenance for First Inspection, Domestic Transportation, and Sales Tax included Asking 499,000 yen. Please e-mail Dennis cookieslifestyle@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1989 Toyota Hilux Surf 4x4 (aka-drumer Grey/silver has minor dents, blemishes in paint - it's an 89. Everything works passed JCI with flying colors. Found dim head lights (fixed), fog light out (fixed). Two years of fresh JCI until 1Dec11 asking \$3000 Please e-mail meangreenparts@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1992 Honda Civic Hatchback My wife and I am PCSing soon so this has to go. AT, A/C (needs recharged), PW, PL, power mirrors. I put an alpine stereo and Kenwood speakers in it last year. I also put new tires on it last year and got new JCI this year. The outside looks good except for a little bit of damage to the passenger side mirror. A passing car hit it when it was driving by, but it's not too bad. This car has been very reliable, great on gas, and has never given us a problem. Asking \$900. Please email gsx\_tcy@hotmail.com or call 090-6038-8465

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Toyota Hi Lux Surf (4Runner) Very Clean, silver on blue, 40yl, 4X4, 48,000km, new tires, inspection Nov 2011, JCI Dec 2011, carry anything, go anywhere, 080-1165-4165 mobile, 243-2879 base. Make offer. Yokosuka Asking 4250.00 Please e-mail tommski@yahoo.com or call Thomas Sinclair 080-1165-4165

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 MR-S s-edition Red, Convertible, CD&MD, DVD Navigation, 65400km, Good condition JCI until Dec 2009 Asking 60,000 yen Please e-mail wisdomteeth@yahoo.co.jp

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Nissan Bassara, 7 passenger Van, Navi,TV 2000 captain's chairs 1 and 2nd row with adjustable arm rests. Keyless entry with 2 remotes and 2 keys, CD/Navigation, TV, system, Drives like new still. 2nd owner. Oil changed every 3 months, never had one problem with van. With stock Nissan Alloy 16 inch rims. Body and interior in great shape, Strong engine Ka24de, Billet grill, great for long trips. Must Sell Soon. No major problems for JCI. SO Call Dave @ 080-5519-2722 and make offer.

Yokota, Japan - 2004 Honda Vamos - Yellow Platel Black, AM/FM, CD, automatic, 4 doors, 109,100 km Available immediately JCI until Jan 2011 asking \$3300 Contact Jennifer 646-957-9502 or 080-3514-3733 for more information

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Yokota, Japan - 2004 Toyota Voxy JCI until Sep 2011 81627 Km (about 50800 Miles) 3 Row seating for 7 and 5 Doors for sale o f a c e s AM/FM/CD/MD/HDD/Navigation Rearview Camera Tires just replaced in May had a complete check at Toy to get to ensure it's in good working order. JCI just performed in September. Due Sep 2011) This is a GREAT van that I had to sell. My loss is a gain for someone else. This is the perfect vehicle for a family that is in need of a reliable vehicle with lots of space. Similar vehicles are selling in the local area for over 1,300,000 yen. Asking \$ 9500 Please Jim 080-6756-9769

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Yokota, Japan - 97 Toyota Estima - really good condition/ White. JCI not due till Jan 2011, four brand new tires and rims just added, nothing wrong with it, just had inspected. Has motor roof up front, and sun roof in back. JCI until Jan. 2011 Asking \$1650 Please call if interested 210-881-4404

Yokota, Japan - Must Sell ASAP! 1992 Toyota Lucida Leaving to Guam here on the 15th Dec and need to sell my Car are on the lemon lot. JCI is good until April 2011. Excellent condition no problems. Has CD player and is wired up for subs and amp. JCI until July 2011 asking \$ 1000 Contact Ryan Trandell Work 225-730 Home 407-373-1342

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Yokota, Japan - Must Sell ASAP! 1996 Nissan L, Leaving to Guam here on the 15th Dec and need to sell. JCI is good until July 2011 excellent condition, no problems. Has DVD player in Dash new door speakers and is wired up for subs and amp. JCI until July 2011 asking \$ 1000 Contact Ryan Trandell Work 225-730 Home 407-373-1342

Yokota, Japan - Sell Now! Honda Odyssey Ready to sell. The JCI is good for almost 2 years expires Aug 2011. Very clean and in Great condition Price includes JCI asking \$2000 Please call 080-4205-7977 or email: klp030302@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - Toyota ED 1993 Great car 69K, Automatic, Black, JCI, All 2010. Everything works. \$950.00 price includes original wheels and tires. If you want the custom wheels and low profile tires currently on the car I'm asking \$1,200 asking \$950 Please call (763) 354-3566

Motorcycles

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Yokota, Japan - 2004 Honda CBR 600RR. Some upgrades 2 Brothers Exhaust, Double bubble Windscreen By Pruig, Rear seats, Red devil eyes w/ toggle switch not shown on Red Chain Drive Racing Rear and Front sprocket powder black Recently removed fender decal LR good first bike JCI expire 2010 Asking \$8000 OBO Please e-mail trony800@yahoo.com

Motorcycles

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Yokota, Japan - 250cc Yamaha Majesty JCI until 2011 Bell 70mm fork down springs Daytona 60mm down rear shocks Rear shock extenders-20mm down rear Aftermarket side plate holder Muffler Full Aero Kit Daytona Chrome Switches Daytona grips Daytona Bars HiLDs White neon, strobes, and LEDs Recent tune up to include radiator, fan switch, and oil change. Aftermarket taillights All new Light bulbs on entire bike 15cm stretch Stainless rear brake line air intake diamond plate floorboard chrome engine covers compare at 650,000-yen off-base asking \$4500. Please email grant@fislimages.com or call grant Wilson 080-3755-3434

Baby Items

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Atsugi - Bassinet \$25, Jumparoo \$20 Japanese "Winnie the pooh" push tricycle \$45, jogging stroller \$50. Please contact Rebecca at 264-7800

Atsugi - Fisher Price Swings and chair barely used \$50 and under. 080-3727-0123

Bicycles

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Atsugi - Cannondale Super V 900 Mountain Bike for sale \$1500. Specialized FSR Mountain Bike \$1200. Both bikes are in Outstanding condition. Leaving Japan 11 Dec so must sale at this low price. Call Tim at 080-58963260.

Boats

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Yokosuka - Road bicycle 4 sale. 60Cm Motobecane Le Champion Team. KinesiumSL Frame Full Ritchey and Dura-Ace components. \$1000 OBO. Tom @ DSN 243-4672, 046-849-6580

Books

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Books

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Books

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Books

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Books

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Yokota, Japan - Textbook wanted for UMUC Acct. 220 Fundamentals Accounting Principles with Best Buy Annual report By John Wild, Barbara Chongetta, Ken Shaw ISBN-13: 9780077303204 Edition Number: 19 Pub. Date: October 2008 Publisher: McGraw-Hill Companies, Negotiable. Please email jenniferaswain@yahoo.com or call 404-478-4630

Clothing

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Yokota, Japan - Brand new Aeropostale Pink Plaid Wool Bomber Jacket Dark Fuchsia-Brown Plaid Wool Bomber Aeropostale size Junior XL (runs small). Brand new with tag \$99.50 still attached. Front zipper with snap buttons closure. Bust fits best between 36-40" give or take, Length from shoulder to hem = 32" Sleeves from shoulder seam is 28" but because they are cuffed style so it'll fit any tall or shorter ladies. Shell: 60% wool, 35% polyester, 5% other fibers. Lining: 100% polyester but only available in X-Small size only (this jacket runs very small) Nothing is cuter than this one, will make a great Christmas gift! Asking \$30 Please e-mail purplerlife@hotmail.com

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Computers

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Please call 916-473-4488</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - Sunbeam Mixer w 275 watt motor and stand. Asking \$30 Please call 080-1057-7991</div> <div>Household Items560</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - PCS'ing-all sports Lamp for Boy or Girl have to downsize now. Excellent condition - All Sports Lamp w/ Light Oak Base The pull string for the lamp to turn on/off is a whistle - very cute. The lamp shade is actually made of a durable canvas. I'm so sorry, I do not have pictures. Please call to see in person. Priced to go now-\$30.00 (really nice) If not home, please leave a message 916-473-4488 must go. Thank you.</div>	<div>Home Electronics570</div> <div>Yokosuka, Japan - SHARP AQUOS LCD HDTV 46in - less than 1 year old. Negotiable, \$600 OBO. Contact samuel.soto@gmail.com or 080-4175-4333.</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - 2 Xbox 360 consoles both do not have Rod however one has a bad DVD drive. I have a brand new Ben Q DVD drive but you need to transfer the key from the old one to the new drive for it to work. The other one just won't accept updates. I called Microsoft and they quoted \$50 to repair but they are both non HDMI so I do not want them. Asking \$25 Please email justin.barbattini@gmail.com or call Robert 08066731820</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - 36" JVC TV 36 inch CRT TV. Works great but upgrading to a LCD asking \$100 OBO Please email bigmac@tokyo.email.ne.jp or call 080-1057-7991</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - A V-tech TV gaming system, great condition. Set includes art studio system, 2 controllers, and 4 games. System is for 3 to 10 year olds. Asking \$45 please call Marcy 2108814404</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - Canon GL2 presumes camcorder outstanding professional quality video camera built in stereo Mic., hot shoe for more mics. Or accessory, manual audio control, manual exposure control, many features. Available steady cam for camera as well at an additional price comes with hard case, remote, charger, battery and 2 brand new tapes. Wireless lavaliere microphone also available Asking \$850 Please email grant@fismages.com or call 080-3755-3434</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - Entertainment center w/ big screen TV 500bo Please email heavenlycm@yahoo.com or call 6013262447 Celeste</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - JVC 63" Projection TV 4 Good condition. Never took off protective cover for screen. Make me an offer Email offer to sumisus27@yahoo.com</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - Kenwood Tower Speakers LS-V710 -3 Way 4 Speaker Setup-180W Peak Input Power-8 ohms Asking \$75.00 OBO Please call 1-425-999-8508</div>	<div>Home Electronics570</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - Kenwood Tower Speakers LS-V710 -3 Way 4 Speaker Setup -180W Peak Input Power-8 ohms Asking \$75.00 OBO. 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Asking \$10 Please email smrrnt1127@yahoo.com</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - PCS'ing - FLOOR JACK for sale cleaning out shed! MVP Super Lift 4000 pound hydraulic foot jack must sell now: \$40.00 Please leave a message if not home. Please call 916-473-4488 Thank you.</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - To the angel that found my keys at bank parking lot someone at Yokota is AWESOME! After work, and the tree lighting ceremony, I reached for my keys and they were gone. Apparently, I left my keys in the parking lot of the bank today on my lunch. A woman who saw me looking for them inside the Yujo said she saw them in the parking lot. I got there hoping to find them on the ground, but no luck. Panicking (because that car key is the only one that came with the car) I was headed to the security shack to see if anyone had turned them in. For some reason I looked in my car and there they were, on the passenger seat. If you are the person who found them, please drop me an email at vette.chic@yahoo.com or call 512-275-4895. I have something for you. Thank you so much. Tammy Lynn</div> <div>Yokota, Japan - Used DVD's for SALE! 1000 yen each or ALL for 5000 yen + a bunch of FREE pirated DVD's (trying to get rid of them!) Collect in person-Grab 'em before someone else does! Shanghai Noon &amp; Shanghai Knights Pathfinder Unrated I Know Who Killed Me, Dave Chappelle live Dynamite Warrior, The Heart break Kid, The Ex Matchstick Men. Asking \$ 1000yen Please call 080-4056-0589</div> <div>Zama - Fishing gear! Two brand new rod/reel combos. One is a Penn International V rod, V55010TF60 with a Penn Senator-2 114HLW reel. The other is a Shimano Trevala butterfly jugging rod with a Shimano Torium 30 reel. Email for prices and full description. naksoocow@hotmail.com</div>
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**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 1, Denver at Indianapolis (dld, 90-minute cutdown).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 2, New Orleans at Atlanta (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

**Thursday**  
**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—NBA: New Jersey at Cleveland (dld, 2-hour cutdown).  
**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—NHL: N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—NBA: Dallas at Oklahoma City.  
**AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.**—NBA: Washington at Sacramento.  
**AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.**—College basketball: Oklahoma State at Stanford.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Toronto at Orlando (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 3, San Diego at Dallas (dld, 90-minute cutdown).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 4, Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

**Friday**  
**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—NBA: L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—NFL: Indianapolis at Jacksonville.  
**AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.**—NBA: Orlando at Miami.  
**AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.**—NBA: Phoenix at Portland.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Orlando at Miami (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—NFL: Indianapolis at Jacksonville (dld).  
  
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College football

**Bowl schedule**  
**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
**New Mexico Bowl**  
At Albuquerque  
Wyoming (6-6) vs. Fresno State (8-4)  
**St. Petersburg Bowl**  
Rutgers (8-4) vs. UCF (8-4)  
**Sunday, Dec. 20**  
**New Orleans Bowl**  
Southern Miss. (7-5) vs. Middle Tennessee (9-3)  
**Tuesday, Dec. 22**  
**Las Vegas Bowl**  
BYU (10-2) vs. Oregon State (8-4)  
**Wednesday, Dec. 23**  
**Poinsettia Bowl**  
At San Diego  
Utah (9-3) vs. California (8-4)  
**Thursday, Dec. 24**  
**Hawaii Bowl**  
At Honolulu  
SMU (7-5) vs. Nevada (8-4)  
**Saturday, Dec. 26**  
**Little Caesars Pizza Bowl**  
At Detroit  
Ohio (9-4) vs. Marshall (6-6)  
**Meineke Bowl**  
At Charlotte, N.C.  
North Carolina (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (9-3)  
**Emerald Bowl**  
At San Francisco  
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Boston College (8-4)  
**Sunday, Dec. 27**  
**Music City Bowl**  
At Nashville, Tenn.  
Clemson (8-5) vs. Kentucky (7-5)  
**Monday, Dec. 28**  
**Independence Bowl**  
At Shreveport, La.  
Texas A&M (6-6) vs. Georgia (7-5)  
**Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
**EagleBank Bowl**  
At Washington  
Temple (9-3) vs. UCLA (6-6)  
**Champs Sports Bowl**  
At Orlando, Fla.  
Miami (9-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-3)  
**Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
**Humanitarian Bowl**  
At Boise, Idaho  
Bowling Green (7-5) vs. Idaho (7-5)  
**Holiday Bowl**  
At San Diego  
Nebraska (9-4) vs. Arizona (8-4)  
**Thursday, Dec. 31**  
**Sun Bowl**  
At El Paso, Texas  
Stanford (8-4) vs. Oklahoma (7-5)  
**Armed Forces Bowl**  
At Fort Worth, Texas  
Air Force (7-5) vs. Houston (10-3)  
**Texas Bowl**  
At Houston  
Missouri (8-4) vs. Navy (9-4)  
**Insight Bowl**  
At Tempe, Ariz.  
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Iowa State (6-6)  
**Chick-fil-A Bowl**  
At Atlanta  
Virginia Tech (9-3) vs. Tennessee (7-5)  
**Friday, Jan. 1**  
**Outback Bowl**  
At Tampa, Fla.  
Northwestern (8-5) vs. Auburn (7-5)  
**Capital One Bowl**  
At Orlando, Fla.  
Penn State (10-2) vs. LSU (9-3)  
**Gator Bowl**  
At Jacksonville, Fla.  
Florida State (6-6) vs. West Virginia (9-3)

**NCAA Men's Division I tournament**  
**Semifinals**  
**Friday, Dec. 11**  
**At Cary, N.C.**  
Virginia 2, Wake Forest 1, OT  
Akron 0, North Carolina 0, Akron wins on penalty kicks 5-4  
**Championship**  
**Sunday, Dec. 13**  
**At Cary, N.C.**  
Virginia 0, Akron 0, Virginia wins on penalty kicks 3-2

**Boxing**  
**Fight schedule**  
**Dec. 18**  
At Hyogo, Japan, Hozumi Hasegawa vs. Alvaro Perez, 12, for Hasegawa's WBC bantamweight title; Miguel Acosta vs. Aristides Perez, 12, for Acosta's interim WBA lightweight title.  
**Dec. 19**  
At Schwerin, Germany, Jurgen Brahmmer vs. Dmitry Sukhotsky, 12, for Brahmmer's WBO light heavyweight title; Sebastian Zbik vs. Emanuele Della Rosa, 12, for Zbik's WBC interim middleweight title.  
At Caracas, Venezuela, Edwin Valero vs. Hector Velazquez, 12, for Valero's WBC lightweight title; Miguel Acosta vs. Aristides Perez, 12, for Acosta's interim WBA lightweight title.  
At Youngstown, Ohio, Kelly Pavlik vs. Miguel Espino, 12, for Pavlik's WBC/WBO middleweight title; Vanes Martirosyan, vs. Willie Lee, 12, for the vacant NABF super welterweight title.  
At Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, Cristobal Cruz vs. Ricardo Castillo, 12, for Cruz's IBF featherweight title.

**Rose Bowl**  
At Pasadena, Calif.  
Ohio State (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-2)  
**Sugar Bowl**  
At New Orleans  
Florida (12-1) vs. Cincinnati (12-0)  
**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
**International Bowl**  
At Toronto  
South Florida (7-5) vs. Northern Illinois (7-5)  
**Cotton Bowl**  
At Dallas  
Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Mississippi (8-4)  
**PapaJohns.com Bowl**  
At Birmingham, Ala.  
Connecticut (7-5) vs. South Carolina (7-5)  
**Liberty Bowl**  
At Memphis, Tenn.  
East Carolina (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-5)  
**Alamo Bowl**  
At San Antonio  
Michigan State (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (8-4)  
**Monday, Jan. 4**  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
At Glendale, Ariz.  
Boise State (13-0) vs. TCU (12-0)  
**Tuesday, Jan. 5**  
**Orange Bowl**  
At Miami  
Iowa (10-2) vs. Georgia Tech (11-2)  
**Wednesday, Jan. 6**  
**GMAC Bowl**  
At Mobile, Ala.  
Central Michigan (11-2) vs. Troy (9-3)  
**Thursday, Jan. 7**  
**BCS National Championship**  
At Pasadena, Calif.  
Alabama (13-0) vs. Texas (13-0)  
**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
**East-West Shrine Classic**  
At Orlando, Fla.  
East vs. West  
**Saturday, Jan. 30**  
**Senior Bowl**  
At Mobile, Ala.  
North vs. South  
**Saturday, Feb. 6**  
**Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Challenge**  
At El Paso, Texas  
Texas vs. Nation

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**Monday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Agreed to terms with LHP Cedrick Bowers, RHP Fernando Hernandez, RHP Marcus McBeth, RHP Matt Wright, INF Dallas McPherson and INF Matt Whitney on minor league contracts.  
**TAMPA BAY RAYS**—Agreed to terms with 1B Chris Richard, RHP Winston Abreu, RHP Joe Bateman, RHP Jeff Bennett, RHP Richard De Los Santos, LHP Jason Cromer, LHP Carlos Hernandez and LHP R.J. Swindle on minor league contracts.  
**National League**  
**HOUSTON ASTROS**—Agreed to terms with OF Jason Michaels on a one-year contract and LHP Gustavo Chacin on a minor league contract.  
**MILWAUKEE BREWERS**—Agreed to terms with LHP Randy Wolf on a three-year contract and INF Craig Counsell and RHP Claudio Vargas on one-year contracts.  
**WASHINGTON NATIONALS**—Agreed to terms with LHP Scott Olsen on a one-year contract.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**NBA**—Suspended Houston F Trevor Ariza for one game for swinging his elbow at the head of the Toronto F DeMar DeRozan in a Dec. 13 game.  
**MIAMI HEAT**—Waived F Shavlik Randolph.  
**PHOENIX SUNS**—Recalled F Taylor Griffin from Iowa (NBADL).  
**NBA's National Basketball Association**  
**LOS ANGELES SPARKS**—Named Jennifer Gillom coach.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**CHICAGO BEARS**—Signed OT James Marten from practice squad. Waived LB Cato June.  
**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**—Signed FB Brock Bolen from the practice squad.  
**NEW YORK JETS**—Waived OT Ryan Mcke.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS**—Placed RW Derek Dorsett on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 12.  
**DETROIT RED WINGS**—Recalled C Kris Newbury from Grand Rapids (AHL).  
**LOS ANGELES KINGS**—Recalled F Corey Elkins from Manchester (AHL).  
**MINNESOTA WILD**—Placed C Andrew Ebbett on injured reserve. Reassigned C Nathan Smith to Houston (AHL).  
**SAN JOSE SHARKS**—Reassigned F Frazer McLaren and F Jamie McGinn to Worcester (AHL).  
**VANCOUVER CANUCKS**—Recalled D Aaron Rome from Manitoba (AHL).  
**WASHINGTON CAPITALS**—Recalled D Karl Altnzer and C Kyle Wilson from Hershey (AHL). Assigned C Mathieu Perreault to Hershey.  
**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
**CHIVAS USA**—Announced the resignation of goalkeeper coach Leo Percovich to accept a position at Toronto FC.  
**COLLEGE**  
**ARKANSAS**—Named Garrick McGee offensive coordinator.  
**KANSAS**—Named Carl Torbush defensive coordinator and Chuck Long offensive coordinator.  
**MARQUETTE**—Announced freshman F Jeronne Maymon is leaving the men's basketball team.  
**MISSOURI**—Suspended senior F Amanda Hanneman and senior F Jessra Johnson indefinitely for being arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor assault on Dec. 13.  
**PENNSYLVANIA**—Fired men's basketball coach Glen Miller. Named Jerome Alen interim men's basketball coach.  
**PFEIFFER**—Announced the resignation of softball coach Todd Bradley, effective immediately, to accept the same position at Incarnate Word. Named Jessica Clack softball coach.  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**—Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach Darrin Horn on a two-year contract extension through March 2015. Approved a one-year contract extension for football coach Steve Spurrier through the 2013 season.

**AP Men's Top 25**  
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 13, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and previous ranking:  

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (61)	9-0	1,620	1
2. Texas (1)	8-0	1,512	2
3. Kentucky (1)	10-0	1,486	4
4. Purdue	9-0	1,426	5
5. Syracuse (2)	10-0	1,388	7
6. West Virginia	8-0	1,315	6
7. Duke	7-1	1,137	8
8. Villanova	9-1	1,107	3
9. Tennessee	7-1	1,104	9
10. North Carolina	8-2	1,039	11
11. Georgetown	8-0	1,008	15
12. Michigan	8-2	922	12
13. Florida	8-1	864	10
14. Connecticut	6-2	762	14
15. Gonzaga	8-2	505	21
16. Texas Tech	9-0	492	23
17. Kansas St.	9-1	391	—
18. Ohio St.	7-2	383	13
19. New Mexico	10-0	364	—
20. Mississippi	8-1	334	25
21. Butler	7-3	257	22
22. Georgia Tech	6-1	253	24
23. Texas A&M	8-2	221	16
24. Washington	6-2	179	17
25. Cincinnati	6-2	174	19

**Others receiving votes:** Memphis 129, Wisconsin 110, UNLV 96, Clemson 84, Temple 83, Northwestern 59, Illinois 44, Miami 40, St. John's 30, Oklahoma St. 29, Charlotte 24, Dayton 24, Seton Hall 24, Florida St. 23, Missouri St. 20, BYU 14, Mississippi St. 9, Virginia Tech 7, Baylor 6, Minnesota 5, Cornell 3, N.C. State 3, Rhode Island 3, Tulsa 3, N. Iowa 2, Pittsburgh 2, W. Carolina 2, Wake Forest 2, Army 1, William & Mary 1.

**USA Today/ESPN Men's Top 25**  
The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 13, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:  

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (30)	9-0	774	1
2. Texas	8-0	735	2
3. Kentucky (1)	10-0	701	4
4. Purdue	9-0	675	5
5. Syracuse	10-0	658	6
6. West Virginia	7-0	631	7
7. Duke	7-1	547	8
8. Tennessee	7-1	528	9
9. Villanova	9-1	524	3
10. North Carolina	8-2	497	10
11. Georgetown	8-0	494	13
12. Michigan State	8-2	423	14
13. Florida	8-1	367	11
14. Connecticut	6-2	358	12
15. Georgia Tech	6-1	229	21
16. Gonzaga	8-2	229	22
17. Butler	7-3	184	20
18. Ohio State	7-2	176	15
19. New Mexico	10-0	164	—
20. Texas Tech	9-0	150	—
21. Washington	6-2	146	—
22. Kansas State	9-1	136	—
23. UNLV	7-1	112	17
24. Clemson	8-2	110	24
25. Mississippi	8-1	77	—

**Others receiving votes:** Cincinnati 76, Texas A&M 58, Wisconsin 58, Illinois 25, Temple 24, Memphis 21, Florida State 20, Brigham Young 17, Saint Mary's 17, Oklahoma State 15, Wake Forest 15, Charlotte 14, St. John's 14, Northwestern 13, Dayton 9, Seton Hall 9, Tulsa 9, Washington State 9, William & Mary 9, California 7, Missouri State 3, Western Carolina 3, Mississippi State 2, Baylor 1, Coastal Carolina 1, Northern Iowa 1.

AP spotlight

**Dec. 17**  
**2000** — Terrell Owens catches an NFL-record 20 passes for 283 yards and a touchdown in San Francisco's 17-0 victory over Chicago. Jeff Garcia completes 36 of 44 passes for 402 yards and two touchdowns for the 49ers.  
**2006** — Gilbert Arenas sets a franchise record with 60 points, 16 of them in overtime, to lead Washington to a 147-141 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

**Monday's men's scores**  
**EAST**  
Yeshiva 62, Mount St. Mary, N.Y. 61  
**SOUTH**  
Bethune-Cookman 90, Carver Bible 55  
Brescia 82, Lindsey Wilson 77  
Campbellsville 77, Cumberland, Tenn. 61  
Coker 72, Wingate 67  
Florida Atlantic 66, New Orleans 48  
Florida Gulf Coast 86, S.C.-Upstate 82  
Georgia Tech 95, Chattanooga 64  
LSU 77, SE Louisiana 60  
Longwood 87, Virginia-Wise 69  
Nicholls St. 81, Mobile 60  
Randolph-Macon 72, Wooster 65  
UNC Wilmington 79, Campbell 59  
**MIDWEST**  
Macalester 81, Martin Luther 69  
Northwood, Mich. 68, Kalamazoo 45  
S. Indiana 105, Lake Erie 64  
Wis.-Superior 95, Northland 45  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Houston 93, Troy 85  
Santa Clara 68, Houston Baptist 65

**AP Women's Top 25**  
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 13, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:  

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut (40)	8-0	1,000	1
2. Stanford	7-0	957	2
3. Tennessee	8-0	901	4
4. Notre Dame	9-0	900	3
5. LSU	7-0	795	5
6. Baylor	8-1	762	6
7. Duke	7-1	752	7
8. Ohio St.	10-1	698	9
9. North Carolina	8-1	663	11
10. Florida St.	8-0	641	12
11. Georgia	9-0	624	13
12. Xavier	7-1	575	8
13. Texas A&M	7-1	509	10
14. Arizona St.	7-1	486	14
15. Oklahoma	8-2	395	16
16. Michigan St.	7-3	293	21
17. Texas	5-3	282	17
18. Vanderbilt	9-1	270	18
19. Virginia	7-2	267	19
20. Nebraska	10-0	262	24
21. Pittsburgh	8-1	247	15
22. Kansas	7-2	152	23
23. Wis.-Green Bay	9-0	94	—
24. James Madison	7-0	92	—
25. Georgia Tech	6-2	81	—

**Others receiving votes:** Dayton 56, Syracuse 28, Oklahoma State 26, West Virginia 22, Temple 21, St. John's 18, California 16, DePaul 16, Maryland 16, TCU 13, Hartford 12, Oregon 9, Gonzaga 8, St. Bonaventure 7, Texas Tech 7, Mississippi St. 6, Iowa St. 5, Northwestern 5, Miami 4, Georgetown 2, Kentucky 2, Wyoming 2, Penn St. 1.

Monday's women's scores

**EAST**  
Lehman 57, St. Joseph's, L.I. 55, OT  
**SOUTH**  
Alabama 64, UCF 62  
Bethune-Cookman 83, Nicholls St. 69  
Mississippi St. 80, Sam Houston 31  
Morehead St. 78, Ky. Christian 44  
Presbyterian 61, S. Carolina St. 47  
Southern U. 84, Tougaloo 48  
UAB 70, Cent. Michigan 59  
Wake Forest 60, North Florida 57  
**MIDWEST**  
Akron 76, Lake Erie 51  
Carthage 74, Concordia, Wis. 62  
Hamline 70, Carleton 52  
Michigan 72, Xavier 71  
St. Scholastica 82, Wis.-Superior 71  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Cent. Arkansas 85, Wichita 44  
**FAR WEST**  
Denver 62, Fla. International 48  
Saint Mary's, Calif. 63, Seattle 56  
Utah St. 58, N. Dakota St. 46  
Weber St. 50, W. Oregon 44

College hockey

**NCAA Division I poll**  
MINNEAPOLIS — The top 20 teams in the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey poll, compiled by U.S. College Hockey Online, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 13 and previous ranking:  

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami (48)	13-2-5	998	1
2. Denver (2)	11-5-2	900	2
3. Colorado College	11-4-3	841	6
4. Cornell	7-2-2	805	5
5. Boston College	10-3-2	717	10
6. North Dakota	9-6-3	672	3
7. Wisconsin	11-5-2	657	11
8. Quinnipiac	13-3-1	639	7
9. Yale	7-3-2	609	8
10. Bemidji State	13-4-1	594	4
11. Ferris State	13-3-2	556	13
12. Minnesota-Duluth	11-6-1	434	12
13. Michigan State	12-6-2	419	14
14. Mass.-Lowell	10-6-1	418	9
15. Massachusetts	10-5-0	365	15
16. New Hampshire	8-6-3	209	19
17. Alaska	9-5-4	183	16
18. Union	8-3-5	164	20
19. St. Cloud State	8-7-3	120	17
20. Notre Dame	8-8-4	71	18

**Others receiving votes:** Maine 42, Vermont 32, Michigan 23, Minnesota State 11, Colgate 7, Lake Superior 6, RIT 4, Minnesota 3, Nebraska-Omaha 1.



## NBA roundup

# Celtics win 11th straight

## Boston 12-1 on road after edging Memphis

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Paul Pierce scored 19 points, Ray Allen and Rajon Rondo added 18 each and the Boston Celtics won their 11th straight game, beating the Memphis Grizzlies 110-105 on Monday night.

Rasheed Wallace added 15 points, while Kendrick Perkins and Kevin Garnett each scored 13. Rondo had nine of Boston's 25 assists.

"We've been in this situation, and we don't get rattled on the road," Pierce said after Boston improved to 12-1 away from home. "I think it is all about experience, bottom line."

Rudy Gay led the Grizzlies with 23 points and O.J. Mayo had 21. Zach Randolph added 20 for Memphis, which has lost two of three.

Boston held its biggest lead at 103-95 after Rondo's layup with 2:49 left. Memphis answered with six straight points, including two baskets from Mayo, to get within two with 1:29 to go.

Garnett's 21-foot jumper from the top of the key stopped the rally, and Allen sealed it for the Celtics by hitting a three-pointer as the shot clock was running out with 17.5 seconds left.

"We couldn't get stops at the end," Randolph said. "The last 2 or 3 minutes, they made plays, and we couldn't get stops."

**76ers 117, Warriors 101:** Thaddeus Young had 26 points and 14 rebounds and Allen Iverson scored 20 points as Philadelphia snapped a 12-game losing streak.

Iverson played the best game of his four-game second stint in Philadelphia.

Young used an 11-for-15 effort in the first half to give the Sixers a rare comfortable lead. Iverson hit the 20-point mark for the second straight game a day after having his left knee drained of fluid.

Corey Maggette led the Warriors with 24 points and Anthony Randolph had 15. Golden State lost its third straight in the finale of a five-game trip that started Dec. 7.

**Mavericks 94, Hornets 90:** At Dallas, J.J. Barea scored a season-high 23 points and Dirk Nowitzki scored four of his season-low 10 in the final 59 seconds.

Barea scored 19 points in the first half, helping Dallas build a 21-point lead. New Orleans coach Jeff Bower then benched all his starters except Chris Paul and the Hornets got aggressive on both ends of the court, tying it at 60. The Mavericks were ahead 90-83 when Nowitzki made a 20-footer in the final minute of their fourth straight victory.

Paul had 20 points, 16 assists and five steals, while Darius Songaila tied a season high with 12 points playing only the fourth quarter.

Nowitzki came in fifth in the NBA at 27.3 points per game and was averaging 31.5 over his last



MARK WEBER/AP

**Boston's Paul Pierce, right, battles Memphis' Marc Gasol on Monday night. Pierce had 19 points in the Celtics' 11th straight win.**

four. Nowitzki's previous low of 12 points came in an overtime loss to New Orleans in early November.

**Magic 106, Pacers 98:** Dwight Howard overcame a slow start to finish with 21 points and 23 rebounds for host Orlando.

Vince Carter, who missed the past two days of practice because of a stomach ailment, sore right knee and slight hip discomfort, added 28 points for the Magic.

Mike Dunleavy had 26 points and Troy Murphy added 14 for Indiana, which had its two-game winning streak end.

Rashard Lewis and J.J. Redick hit consecutive three-pointers in the final 2 minutes to put Orlando ahead by eight.

Indiana stifled Howard early, made Orlando into a jumpshooting team and rushed out to a 34-17 lead early in the second quarter. A 28-10 run by the Magic closed Indiana's halftime lead to 54-53.

**Timberwolves 110, Jazz 108:** Jonny Flynn drove for the go-ahead layup with 3 seconds left and visiting Minnesota beat Utah for the second time this season.

Deron Williams had a season-high 38 points and added 13 assists for Utah, but his three-pointer just before the final buzzer was off the mark and the Timberwolves snapped a four-game losing streak.

Of Minnesota's four victories this season, two have come against the Jazz.

Flynn, a rookie from Syracuse, finished with 28 points — eight more than he had ever scored in an NBA game, while Corey Brewer tied his career high with 22 points.

The Jazz made just 21 of 37 free throws.

Al Jefferson added 23 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota and Kevin Love also had a double-double with 11 points and 14 rebounds.

**Nuggets 102, Thunder 93:** Carmelo Anthony scored 31 points — his fourth straight game with at least 30 — and host Denver beat Oklahoma City for the fifth straight time.

J.R. Smith added 19 points and Chris Andersen had 15 for the Nuggets.

Kevin Durant led Oklahoma City with 32 points for his ninth straight game of 25 or more, the longest active streak in the NBA.

Trailing by 15 points at halftime, the Thunder pulled within 96-88 on Westbrook's layup with 56.9 seconds remaining, but the Nuggets hit all six of their free throws down the stretch, including four by Chauncey Billups.

**Clippers 97, Wizards 95:** Eric Gordon matched his season high with 29 points and hit his final free throw with 11.3 seconds left, and Washington's Earl Boykins turned the ball over moments later to seal the victory for host Los Angeles.

Chris Kaman had 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter for the Clippers, who overcame a 17-point deficit in the second half before holding off the Wizards, who lost their fifth straight game by a total of 11 points.

Caron Butler scored nine of his 20 points in the final 2:43 for the Wizards, including a three-pointer with 11.8 seconds left. Gordon's 1-for-2 effort at the line followed before Boykins, the 5-foot-5 former Clipper, lost control of his dribble in the frontcourt with about 4 seconds left.

## NBA scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	20	4	.833	—
Toronto	11	15	.423	10
New York	8	15	.348	11½
Philadelphia	6	18	.250	14
New Jersey	2	22	.083	18
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	18	6	.750	—
Atlanta	17	6	.739	½
Miami	11	11	.500	6
Charlotte	9	13	.409	8
Washington	7	15	.318	10
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	17	7	.708	—
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	5
Detroit	11	12	.478	5½
Chicago	8	14	.364	8
Indiana	8	14	.364	8

## Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	18	7	.720	—
San Antonio	12	9	.571	4
Houston	13	10	.565	4
New Orleans	10	13	.435	7
Memphis	10	14	.417	7½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	18	7	.720	—
Utah	14	10	.583	3½
Portland	14	11	.560	4
Oklahoma City	12	11	.522	5
Minnesota	4	21	.160	14
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	18	4	.818	—
Phoenix	16	8	.667	3
Sacramento	10	12	.455	8
L.A. Clippers	10	13	.435	8½
Golden State	7	17	.292	12

## Sunday's games

Toronto 101, Houston 88  
Atlanta 130, New Jersey 107  
Memphis 118, Miami 90  
Cleveland 102, Oklahoma City 89  
San Antonio 115, L.A. Clippers 90

## Monday's games

Philadelphia 117, Golden State 101  
Orlando 106, Indiana 98  
Boston 110, Memphis 105  
Dallas 94, New Orleans 90  
Denver 102, Oklahoma City 93  
Minnesota 110, Utah 108  
L.A. Clippers 97, Washington 95

## Tuesday's games

New York at Charlotte  
New Jersey at Cleveland  
Toronto at Miami  
L.A. Lakers at Chicago  
Detroit at Phoenix  
San Antonio at Portland  
Sacramento at Portland

## Wednesday's games

Charlotte at Indiana  
Cleveland at Philadelphia  
Memphis at Atlanta  
Toronto at Orlando  
Utah at New Jersey  
Detroit at New Orleans  
Dallas at Oklahoma City  
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota  
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee  
Houston at Denver  
Washington at Sacramento  
San Antonio at Golden State

## Thursday's games

New York at Chicago  
Orlando at Miami  
Phoenix at Portland

## Monday

## 76ers 117, Warriors 101

**GOLDEN STATE** — Morrow 2-5 0-0 5, Radmanovic 3-5 0-0 8, Moore 4-7 0-0 8, Curry 5-13 3-4 14, Ellis 3-14 2-5 8, Watson 2-4 5-5 10, Maggette 5-8 13-15 24, Hunter 0-10 0, Randolph 3-7 9-11 15, George 3-4 0-0 9. Totals 30-68 32-40 101.

**PHILADELPHIA** — Iguodala 4-20 6-6 14, Young 12-21 1-1 26, Dalembert 6-9 0-12, Holiday 7-14 0-15, Iversen 7-10 6-8 20, Brand 5-7 1-1 11, Carney 0-2 0-0 0, Green 6-10 0-14, Ivey 1-2 2-2 4, Kapono 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Brezec 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 42-97 17-20 117.

**Golden State** 24 33 11 33-101  
**Philadelphia** 36 35 26 20-117  
Three-Point Goals—Golden State 9-18 (George 3-4, Radmanovic 2-3, Watson 1-2, Maggette 1-2, Morrow 1-3, Curry 1-4), Philadelphia 4-18 (Green 2-4, Young 1-2, Holiday 1-5, Carney 0-2, Iguodala 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 35 (Radmanovic, Randolph 5), Philadelphia 63 (Young 14). Assists—Golden State 18 (Morrow, Curry 4), Philadelphia 24 (Holiday 6). Total Fouls—Golden State 23, Philadelphia 25. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second 2. A—12,795 (20,318).

## Mavericks 94, Hornets 90

**NEW ORLEANS** — Stojakovic 3-8 0-0 8, West 5-13 1-1 11, Okafor 2-7 0-1 4, Paul 9-22 2-2 20, D.Brown 3-5 0-0 8, Collison 1-8 0-0 2, Posey 3-6 1-3 10, Armstrong 3-4 0-2 6, Wright 2-3 0-0 4, Thornton 2-7 1-2 5, Songaila 6-6 0-0 12. Totals 39-89 5-11 90.

**DALLAS** — Marion 5-20 0-0 10, Nowitzki 4-11 2-2 10, Dampier 4-5 0-8, Kidd 4-9-2 13, Barea 10-13 2-2 23, Howard 5-10 3-4 14, Terry 4-9 3-12, Gooden 0-0 0-0 0, Humphries 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 38-69 12-13 94.

**New Orleans** 18 25 23 24-90  
**Dallas** 35 14 22 23-94  
Three-Point Goals—New Orleans 7-23 (Posey 3-6, D.Brown 2-4, Stojakovic 2-5, Marion 2-3, Dampier 0-3, Paul 0-4), Dallas 6-15 (Kidd 3-8, Barea 1-2, Terry 1-2, Howard 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 43 (Posey, Okafor 5), Dallas 45 (Dampier, Howard 8). Assists—New Orleans 24 (Paul 16), Dallas 23 (Kidd 13). Total Fouls—New Orleans 16, Dallas 13. Technicals—Stojakovic, Howard. A—19,737 (19,200).

## Magic 106, Pacers 98

**INDIANA** — Dunleavy 10-19 5-5 26, Murphy 6-13 0-0 14, Hibbert 4-5 0-0 8, Ford 6-12 0-0 13, Rush 2-8 0-2 5, Foster 3-4 0-0 6, D.Jones 2-7 1-1 5, Watson 2-4 0-0 6, Hansbrough 4-12 0-0 8, S.Jones 3-4 1-2 7. Totals 42-88 7-10 98.

**ORLANDO** — Pietrus 3-9 0-1 6, Lewis 4-10 0-0 10, Howard 4-10 13-22 21, Williams 0-4 0-0 0, Carter 10-21 6-6 28, Anderson 2-6 2-2 7, Johnson 6-11 0-0 13, Gortat 1-1 0-0 2, Barnes 3-7 0-0 6, Redick 3-7 4-13. Totals 36-86 25-35 106.

**Indiana** 30 24 27 17-98  
**Orlando** 17 36 26 27-106

Three-Point Goals—Indiana 7-22 (Watson 2-4, Murphy 2-6, Ford 1-2, Dunleavy 1-4, Rush 1-5, Hansbrough 0-1), Orlando 9-29 (Redick 3-4, Carter 2-4, Lewis 2-5, Johnson 1-3, Anderson 1-5, Barnes 0-1, Williams 0-3, Pietrus 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 51 (Ford, Hansbrough, Murphy 6), Orlando 58 (Howard 23). Assists—Indiana 26 (Ford 7), Orlando 18 (Johnson 7). Total Fouls—Indiana 28, Orlando 15. Technicals—Murphy, Howard, Orlando defensive three second. A—17,461 (17,461).

## Celtics 110, Grizzlies 105

**BOSTON** — Pierce 5-11 6-8 19, Garnett 5-7 3-3 13, Perkins 6-10 1-1 13, Rondo 8-12 2-3 18, R.Allen 6-13 1-2 18, Wallace 6-15 2-15, S.Williams 0-0 1-2 1, House 4-7 0-0 9, T.Allen 2-5 0-0 4, Scalabrine 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-80 16-21 110.

**MEMPHIS** — Gay 7-17 9-9 23, Randolph 7-14 6-6 20, Gasol 6-12 3-4 15, Conley 5-9 1-1 11, Mayo 10-17 0-0 21, Thabeet 1-3 0-0 2, Tinsley 1-1 0-0 2, Young 5-9 1-2 11, Carroll 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-82 20-22 105.

**Boston** 28 26 31 25-110  
**Memphis** 31 24 26 24-105

Three-Point Goals—Boston 10-20 (R.Allen 5-6, Pierce 3-3, House 1-4, Wallace 1-6, Rondo 0-1), Memphis 1-13 (Mayo 1-6, Conley 0-2, Gay 0-5). Fouled Out—Perkins, Rebounds—Boston 44 (Garnett 8), Memphis 41 (Gasol, Thabeet 8). Assists—Boston 25 (Rondo 9), Memphis 14 (Conley, Tinsley 4). Total Fouls—Boston 21, Memphis 19. A—14,193 (18,119).

## Nuggets 102, Thunder 93

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Durant 9-20 12-13 32, Green 3-9 1-4 8, Kristic 0-5 1-2 1, Westbrook 5-15 4-5 14, Sefolosha 4-8 2-4 11, Collison 5-8 4-4 14, Harden 3-7 2-2 9, Livingston 1-3 0-0 2, Ibaka 1-4 0-0 2, White 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-79 26-31 93.

**DENVER** — Anthony 12-22 6-6 31, Martin 3-12 0-0 6, Nene 6-11 1-3 13, Billups 1-6 9-9 12, Afflalo 1-7 0-0 3, Andersen 3-5 9-10 15, Smith 5-14 8-10 19, Lawson 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 32-80 34-40 102.

**Oklahoma City** 27 17 21 32-93  
**Denver** 25 30 19 28-102

Three-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 5-13 (Durant 2-4, Sefolosha 1-1, Harden 1-1, Green 1-3, Collison 0-1, Livingston 0-1, Westbrook 0-2), Denver 4-14 (Anthony 1-2, Afflalo 1-3, Billups 1-4, Smith 1-5). Fouled Out—Nene. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 51 (Durant 10), Denver 56 (Andersen, Martin 11). Assists—Oklahoma City 23 (Westbrook 6), Denver 20 (Billups 7). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 29, Denver 26. Technicals—Oklahoma City defensive three second, Smith. A—16,022 (19,155).

## Timberwolves 110, Jazz 108

**MINNESOTA** — Wilkins 2-4 1-1 5, Love 3-9 5-8 11, Jefferson 9-16 5-10 23, Flynn 11-19 2-3 28, C.Brewer 8-15 5-6 22, Pecherov 2-5 4-4 8, Sessions 3-7 0-0 6, Pavlovic 1-1-2 4, Ellington 1-4 0-0 3, Hollins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-83 23-34 110.

**UTAH** — R.Brewer 3-8 2-2 8, Boozer 7-15 0-3 14, Okur 5-9 1-2 13, Williams 11-20 14-18 38, Matthews 3-9 1-1 8, Millsap 6-9 1-3 13, Korver 0-3 0-0 0, Maynor 1-1 0-2 2, Kirilenko 3-4 2-4 8, Fesenko 3-2 0-2 4. Totals 41-81 21-37 108.

**Minnesota** 30 31 27 22-110  
**Utah** 33 32 17 26-108

Three-Point Goals—Minnesota 7-15 (Flynn 4-6, Ellington 1-1, Pavlovic 1-3), C.Brewer 1-3, Love 0-1, Pecherov 0-1), Utah 5-15 (Williams 2-4, Okur 2-5, Matthews 1-4, Korver 0-1, Millsap 0-1). Fouled Out—Boozer. Rebounds—Minnesota 58 (Love 14), Utah 52 (Boozer 14). Assists—Minnesota 21 (Flynn 5), Utah 28 (Williams 13). Total Fouls—Minnesota 26, Utah 26. Technicals—Minnesota defensive three second. A—18,090 (19,911).

## Clippers 97, Wizards 95

**WASHINGTON** — C.Butler 6-14 7-8 20, Jamison 13-24 3-4 32, Haywood 4-10 4-5 12, Arenas 4-17 8-16, Stevenson 1-3 0-0 2, Young 2-7 0-0 4, McGuire 1-2 0-0 2, Boykins 0-4 0-0 0, Blatche 1-5 1-1 3, Ojeto 0-0 0-0 0, Foye 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 33-85 24-28 95.

**L.A. CLIPPERS** — Thornton 1-4 0-0 2, Camby 2-7 4-4 8, Kaman 11-19 1-6 23, B.Davis 2-14 9-11 14, Gordon 10-15 6-9 29, R.Butler 6-13 1-1 5, Skinner 1-4 0-0 2, Telfair 1-4 0-0 2, Smith 1-2 0-0 2, R.Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-82 21-31 97.

**Washington** 25 19 25 26-95  
**L.A. Clippers** 21 18 28 30-97

Three-Point Goals—Washington 5-16 (Jamison 3-3, C.Butler 1-2, Haywood 1-5, Stevenson 0-1, Young 0-3), L.A. Clippers 6-16 (Gordon 3-6, R.Butler 2-6, B.Davis 1-4). Fouled Out—Arenas. Rebounds—Washington 54 (Haywood 12), L.A. Clippers 59 (Camby 15). Assists—Washington 20 (Arenas 9), L.A. Clippers 26 (B.Davis 12). Total Fouls—Washington 25, L.A. Clippers 23. Technicals—Jamison. A—14,511 (19,060).



## Baseball moves

# Phillies have tentative deal for Halladay

## Several other big names expected to switch teams

By RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball's hot stove started sizzling Monday, with Roy Halladay, John Lackey, Hideki Matsui and Mike Cameron all set to switch teams.

The Phillies have a tentative agreement to acquire Halladay in a trade with Toronto, and the former Cy Young Award winner was in Philadelphia on Monday for a physical required to complete the deal. Philadelphia also was discussing a trade that would send Cliff Lee, another former Cy Young winner, to Seattle.

The retooling Red Sox made two key moves in one day, reaching tentative agreements on a five-year contract with pitcher John Lackey worth \$80 million to \$87.5 million and a two-year deal with outfielder Mike Cameron for about \$15 million.

World Series MVP Hideki Matsui decided to head west, reaching a preliminary agreement with the Los Angeles Angels on a one-year contract worth about \$6.5 million.

Halladay has been coveted by top clubs for months, and the commissioner's office granted a 72-hour window on Sunday for Toronto and Philadelphia to complete their trade, a baseball official familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Monday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because Major League Baseball didn't make any announcement.

Halladay took a physical Monday for the NL champion Phillies, another person with knowledge of the situation said, also on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

Philadelphia could give up pitchers J.A. Happ, Joe Blanton and outfielder Dominic Brown as part of a deal, the person said. Those three players also took physicals in Philadelphia on Monday.

Halladay's agent, Greg Landry, was registered at a Philadelphia hotel, a sign the sides were working on a contract extension, which likely would be necessary before Halladay waives his right to block a trade.

Lee, who like Halladay is eligible for free agency after next season, could wind up going to the Mariners, the baseball official said.

Halladay is a six-time All-Star and the 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner. The 32-year-old right-hander went 17-10 with a 2.79 ERA for the Blue Jays last season. He led the majors with four shutouts and nine complete games while throwing 239 innings.

Boston's agreements with Lackey and Cameron were both subject to physicals and were disclosed separately by a baseball official and a person with knowledge of the negotiations. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreements were not final.

Lackey, the top pitcher on the free-agent market after spending eight seasons with the Angels, was in Boston for a physical on Monday.

Lackey has a 102-71 regular-season record with a 3.81 ERA in eight seasons, all with the Angels. At Fenway Park, the right-hander is 2-5 with a 5.75 ERA in nine starts.

Cameron, who turns 37 next month, batted .250 with 24 homers and 70 RBIs last season for Milwaukee.

Matsui hit .274 with 28 homers and 90 RBIs last season, then was selected World Series MVP despite starting only three of the six games against Philadelphia. He went 8-for-13 (.615) with three homers and eight RBIs, tying a Series record by driving in six runs in Game 6.

Also, Milwaukee finalized its \$29.75 million, three-year contract with left-hander Randy Wolf, reached a \$2.1 million, one-year



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

**The Philadelphia Phillies have a tentative agreement with the Toronto Blue Jays for right-handed pitcher Roy Halladay, who was in Philadelphia on Monday to take a physical. Halladay was 17-10 last season.**

deal with infielder Craig Counsell and struck a preliminary one-year agreement with reliever Claudio Vargas, a deal pending a physical.

Washington agreed to a \$1 million, one-year contract with left-hander Scott Olsen. He made \$2.8 million last season and was let go by the Nationals last weekend to circumvent a rule limiting paycuts to 20 percent.

Houston agreed to an \$800,000, one-year contract to keep outfielder Jason Michaels.

Also:

■ The Chicago White Sox acquired outfielder Juan Pierre and \$10.5 million from the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for two players to be named later.

■ Managers Tony La Russa, Jim Leyland, Joe Torre and Mike Scioscia were selected for a committee that could recommend expanded instant replay and playoff format changes.

The group was selected by commissioner Bud Selig and also will examine scheduling, umpiring and pace of game. No players or umpires are included.

■ A court commissioner ten-

tatively set a May trial date to decide whether Jamie McCourt has an ownership stake in the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Frank McCourt, who says he's the sole owner of the Dodgers, had been pushing for the ownership issue to be heard in February before the start of the season.

Jamie McCourt's attorneys wanted the issue decided later in the year, as late as October.

■ Selig called Tuesday a "hard and fast deadline" for Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks to submit a prospective buyer for the team to the commissioner's officer.

Selig said on a conference call that the process "needs to move along."

But the commissioner acknowledged, without elaborating, that the deadline could pass if there are factors that arise that "frankly need another day or so."

Hicks has been considering at least three proposals for the Rangers.

AP Sports Writers Greg Beacham, Gregg Bell, Mike Fitzpatrick, Colin Fly, Howard Fendrich, Rob Maaddi and Howard Ulman and AP freelance writer Ian Harrison contributed to this report.

### Free agent signings

NEW YORK — The 32 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**BOSTON (1)** — Signed Marco Scutaro, ss, Toronto, to a \$12.5 million, two-year contract.

**CHICAGO (3)** — Signed Omar Vizquel, ss, Texas, to a \$1,375,000, one-year contract; signed Andruw Jones, of, Texas, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; signed J.J. Putz, rhp, New York Mets, to a \$3 million, one-year contract.

**DETROIT (1)** — Re-signed Adam Everett, ss, to a \$1.55 million, one-year contract.

**KANSAS CITY (1)** — Signed Jason Kendall, c, Milwaukee, to a \$6 million, two-year contract.

**MINNESOTA (1)** — Announced Carl Pavano, rhp, accepted salary arbitration.

**NEW YORK (1)** — Re-signed Andy Pettitte, lhp, to an \$11.75 million, one-year contract.

**SEATTLE (1)** — Signed Chone Figgins, 3b, Los Angeles Angels, to a \$36 million, four-year contract.

**TAMPA BAY (1)** — Signed Rafael Soriano, rhp, to a \$7.25 million, one-year contract after acquiring him from Atlanta.

**TEXAS (1)** — Signed Rich Harden, rhp, Chicago Cubs, to a \$7.25 million, one-year contract.

**TORONTO (2)** — Re-signed John McDonald, ss, to a \$3 million, two-year contract; signed Alex Gonzalez, ss, Boston, to a \$2.75 million, one-year contract.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**ATLANTA (1)** — Signed Billy Wagner, lhp, Boston, to a \$7 million, one-year contract.

**CHICAGO (1)** — Re-signed John Grabow, lhp, to a \$7.5 million, two-year contract.

**COLORADO (1)** — Announced Rafael Betancourt, rhp, accepted salary arbitration.

**HOUSTON (3)** — Signed Pedro Feliz, 3b, Philadelphia, to a \$4.5 million, one-year contract; signed Brandon Lyon, rhp, Detroit, to a \$15 million, three-year contract; re-signed Jason Michaels, of, to an \$800,000, one-year contract.

**MILWAUKEE (3)** — Signed Gregg Zaun, c, Tampa Bay, to a \$2.15 million, one-year contract; signed Randy Wolf, lhp, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a \$2.75 million, three-year contract; re-signed Craig Counsell, inf, to a \$2.1 million, one-year contract.

**NEW YORK (3)** — Re-signed Alex Cora, ss, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; signed Henry Blanco, c, San Diego, to a \$750,000, one-year contract; re-signed Elmer Dessens, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$700,000).

**PHILADELPHIA (3)** — Signed Brian Schneider, c, New York Mets, to a \$2.75 million, two-year contract; signed Juan Castro, ss, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a \$750,000, one-year contract; signed Placido Polanco, inf, Detroit, to an \$18 million, three-year contract.

**PITTSBURGH (1)** — Signed Bobby Crosby, inf, Oakland, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

**ST. LOUIS (2)** — Re-signed Jason LaRue, c, to a \$950,000, one-year contract; signed Brad Penny, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$7.5 million, one-year contract.

**WASHINGTON (1)** — Signed Ivan Rodriguez, c, Texas, to a \$6 million, two-year contract.

— The Associated Press

# Lawal leads No. 22 Georgia Tech past Chattanooga

The Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Georgia Tech aced its first true road test of the season.

Gani Lawal scored 29 points to lead the 22nd-ranked Yellow Jackets to a 95-64 victory over Chattanooga on Monday night.

Derrick Favors had 14 points, Glen Rice added 11 and Mfon Udofia and Maurice Miller had 10 each for the Yellow Jackets (7-1), who ventured about 2 hours from campus.

"They were pretty physical," Lawal said. "We scouted them and we knew they would double hard so we had to be smart, take our time and attack it."

The Yellow Jackets shot 60.8 percent from the field, including 43.8 percent from three-point range, and finished with a 35-29 rebound advantage.

Georgia Tech scored 30 points in the paint and had 37 points off turnovers while the Mocs had a total of 30 points combined from both categories.

"We knew we weren't going to score that ball inside," Chattanooga coach John Shulman said. "That's two lottery picks down there in Lawal and Favors and I'm not talking about the Tennessee Lottery."

Ty Patterson scored 22 points, one off his career high, on 8-for-14 shooting for the Mocs (5-5), while Vanderbilt transfer Keegan Bell added 13 on 5-for-17 shooting.

"They're big and physical," Bell said. "They don't have just one monster down there, they have a couple. We were going down to double, but they'd turn around and score before we could get there."

The Mocs were hosting a ranked team for just the second time in 15 years. No. 10 Tennessee came into McKenzie Arena two seasons ago and escaped with a 76-70 victory.

Chattanooga trimmed a 16-point deficit to six before the Yellow Jackets closed the first half on a 13-0 run to take a 52-33 lead. They expanded the lead to 23 points by holding the Mocs scoreless for the first 3 minutes of the second half.

Chattanooga opened the half with a per-

fectly executed play to get starting center DeAntre Jefferson the ball on the low post. But by the time he went up for the shot, Favors had his hand on the ball for a block and a rebound that led to a dunk by Lawal.

"They were getting easy buckets all night," Chattanooga forward Ridge McKee said. "They're NBA guys. They got moves no matter how much pressure we put on them."

Georgia Tech controlled the second half, never leading by less than 15 points and the largest lead was 32 points with 3:54 to go.

"One of the things we keep saying is that bodies don't equal depth, production equals depth," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "Today, we had good depth."



## NHL roundup

# Hedberg pushes Thrashers past Rangers in shootout

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Johan Hedberg was so busy during the game, he deserved the break he got in the shootout.

Hedberg made a career-best 46 saves and then was perfect in two shootout rounds to lift the Atlanta Thrashers to a 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Monday night.

Captain Ilya Kovalchuk and Vyacheslav Kozlov scored on the Thrashers' only shootout shots against Henrik Lundqvist. Hedberg made a pad save on NHL-leading goal scorer Marian Gaborik in the first round, then watched the puck slide off the stick of Ales Kotalik before he could muster an attempt.

"It just jumped on him," Hedberg said. "You kind of feel for the guy who wants to get a fair chance."

Kozlov and Colby Armstrong gave Atlanta a pair of one-goal leads in regulation, yet the credit went to Hedberg.

"He was our leader," Kovalchuk said. "He was outstanding. He was the best player in the game."

Ryan Callahan and Gaborik — with his 23rd goal — had power-play tallies to get New York even twice. Rookie defenseman Michael Del Zotto had two assists.

New York recorded a season high in shots, but lost for the seventh time in eight games (1-5-2). The Rangers scored fewer than three goals for the 11th time in 13 games.

"I think everybody is mad," Lundqvist said. "I walk around angry that we are not getting the wins. I try to use it as a good thing, but of course it's frustrating."

Hedberg is 3-0 in shootouts, allowing only one goal in eight attempts. Lundqvist fell to 2-1.

New York managed only two goals in a loss to Buffalo on Saturday, despite 38 shots.

"We've got to keep doing the right things, keep playing like we're playing," Rangers captain Chris Drury said. "If we keep getting over 30 shots, something is going to give."

Hedberg made 16 saves in the first period, 18 in the second, and 12 combined in the third and overtime.

"I did see the puck well and we were clearing out rebounds," Hedberg said. "It might be a little deceptive to see the other team shooting and shooting, but if you look at Henrik, there were some huge saves on his side, too."

The Thrashers grabbed their second lead when Armstrong scored Atlanta's fifth short-handed goal this season 3:06 into the third period. Ron Hainsey cleared the puck out of his end and around the boards in the New York zone, where it bounced past Del Zotto. Armstrong snapped in a shot from the right circle.



PAUL J. BERESWILL/AP

**The New York Rangers' Christopher Higgins is hit by Atlanta Thrashers goalie Johan Hedberg during the second period in New York on Monday night. The Thrashers won 3-2 in a shootout.**

The Rangers, who also gave up a short-handed goal in their 3-2 loss on Saturday, responded before the power play ended. Del Zotto made up for his gaffe with a circle-to-circle pass to Gaborik, who tied it 2-2 at 4:05.

The Thrashers, who have won two straight after regulation, had been outshot 14-3.

"It was very big for us," Thrashers coach John Anderson said. "We want to be on the winning track. Two games in a row is good."

**Flyers 3, Bruins 1:** At Boston, Kimmo Timonen broke a third-period tie with 9:32 left, then added a short-handed empty-netter in a preview of the Winter Classic.

Brian Boucher stopped 26 shots for Philadelphia, which had lost 10 of 12 and entered the night tied for the second-fewest points in the NHL.

The longtime rivals are scheduled to meet again on New Year's Day at Fenway Park in the third annual Winter Classic outdoor game.

**Predators 5, Blue Jackets 3:** Longtime Blue Jackets nemesis Steve Sullivan had three goals for the seventh time in his career, leading visiting Nashville.

In just 39 career games against Columbus, Sullivan has 16 goals and 27 assists — more points than against any other opponent in his

797-game career.

**Red Wings 3, Coyotes 2:** Jimmy Howard made 30 saves and Kris Newbury, Patrick Eaves and Derek Meech scored to lift host Detroit.

Taylor Pyatt and Radim Vrbata scored for Phoenix and Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 29 shots.

Red Wings' defenseman Jonathan Ericsson injured his left knee on a hit by the Coyotes' Shane Doan. He was to be reevaluated Tuesday.

**Panthers 7, Islanders 1:** Nathan Horton scored three times for his second career hat trick as visiting Florida won for just the third time in 13 games.

**Sabres 4, Canadiens 3:** At Montreal, Clarke MacArthur scored a power-play goal 14:41 into the third period as Buffalo extended its winning streak to four games.

**Maple Leafs 3, Senators 2:** Francois Beauchemin scored 6 minutes into the third period to break the final tie as host Toronto won its first in three meetings this season with its provincial rival.

**Canucks 3, Kings 1:** Ryan Kesler opened the scoring 64 seconds in and set up Mason Raymond's insurance goal with 5:12 left, leading host Vancouver.

Sami Salo also scored in the first period and Roberto Luongo made 24 saves for the Canucks.

## NHL scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	31	22	8	1	45	91	68
Pittsburgh	33	22	10	1	45	105	87
Philadelphia	31	15	15	1	31	90	88
N.Y. Rangers	32	14	15	3	31	88	96
N.Y. Islanders	33	12	14	7	31	84	107

### Northeast Division

Buffalo	31	20	9	2	42	85	68
Boston	32	16	10	6	38	84	80
Ottawa	32	16	12	4	36	92	96
Montreal	34	15	16	3	33	88	99
Toronto	33	12	14	7	31	97	116

### Southeast Division

Washington	33	20	7	6	46	118	94
Atlanta	31	17	11	3	37	99	90
Florida	34	13	14	7	33	95	112
Tampa Bay	32	11	12	9	31	77	94
Carolina	32	7	19	6	20	77	117

### Western Conference

#### Central Division

Chicago	31	20	8	3	43	92	67
Nashville	33	19	11	3	41	88	91
Detroit	33	17	11	5	39	92	89
Columbus	33	14	13	6	34	99	117
St. Louis	30	13	12	5	31	74	82

#### Northwest Division

Colorado	35	19	10	6	44	103	99
Calgary	32	19	9	4	42	93	77
Vancouver	33	19	14	0	38	104	85
Edmonton	32	15	13	4	34	98	100
Minnesota	32	15	14	3	33	84	93

#### Pacific Division

Los Angeles	35	21	11	3	45	107	104
San Jose	34	19	8	7	45	111	92
Phoenix	33	19	12	2	40	81	75
Dallas	32	14	8	10	38	93	94
Anaheim	32	12	13	7	31	91	103

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

#### Sunday's games

Chicago 4, Tampa Bay 0

Colorado 3, Calgary 2

#### Monday's games

Atlanta 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO

Philadelphia 3, Boston 1

Toronto 3, Ottawa 2

Florida 7, N.Y. Islanders 1

Nashville 5, Columbus 3

Detroit 3, Phoenix 2

Buffalo 4, Montreal 3

Vancouver 3, Los Angeles 1

#### Tuesday's games

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh

Tampa Bay at Nashville

Columbus at Minnesota

Calgary at St. Louis

Los Angeles at Edmonton

Washington at Colorado

#### Wednesday's games

Dallas at Carolina

Montreal at New Jersey

N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers

Buffalo at Ottawa

Atlanta at Florida

Phoenix at Toronto

St. Louis at Chicago

Anaheim at Vancouver

### Monday

#### Canucks 3, Kings 1

Los Angeles	1	0	0-1
Vancouver	2	0	1-3

**First Period**—1, Vancouver, Kesler 8 (Samuelsson, Raymond), 1:04; 2, Vancouver, Salo 2 (D.Sedlin, H.Sedlin), 17:15 (pp).

**Second Period**—1, Vancouver, Raymond 12 (Kessler, O'Brien), 14:48.

**Shots on Goal**—Los Angeles 12-5-8—25; Vancouver 9-10-9-28.

**Power-play opportunities**—Los Angeles 0 of 5; Vancouver 1 of 5.

**Goals**—Los Angeles, Quick 19-10-3 (28 shots-25 saves). Vancouver, Luongo 15-10-0 (25-24).

**A**—18,810 (18,630). **T**—2:17.

#### Flyers 3, Bruins 1

Philadelphia	0	0	3-3
Boston	1	0	1-1

**Second Period**—1, Boston, Sobotka 3 (Riemont, Begin), 18:32.

**Third Period**—2, Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk 7 (Asham, Timonen), 2:48; 3, Philadelphia, Timonen 2 (Kalinski, Carle), 10:28; 4, Philadelphia, Timonen 3, 19:19 (en-sh).

**Shots on Goal**—Philadelphia 14-9-15—38; Boston 7-13-7-27.

**Power-play opportunities**—Philadelphia 0 of 4; Boston 0 of 1.

**Goals**—Philadelphia, Boucher 4-7-0 (27 shots-26 saves). Boston, Thomas 7-8-4 (37-35).

**A**—17,565 (17,565). **T**—2:21.

#### Sabres 4, Canadiens 3

Buffalo	0	2	2-4
Montreal	1	0	2-3

**First Period**—1, Montreal, A.Kostitsyn 7 (Plekanec, Bergeron), 16:03 (pp).

**Second Period**—2, Buffalo, Sekera 2 (Roy, Hecht), 12:58; 3, Buffalo, Kaleta 6 (Connolly), 19:01 (sh).

**Third Period**—4, Montreal, A.Kostitsyn 8 (Plekanec, Cammalleri), 2:36 (pp); 5, Buffalo, Kennedy 4 (Hecht, Myers), 12:33; 6, Montreal, Cammalleri 18 (A.Kostitsyn), 12:51; 7, Buffalo, MacArthur 10 (Stafford, Pominville), 14:41 (pp).

**Shots on Goal**—Buffalo 9-11-7-27.

**Power-play opportunities**—Buffalo 1 of 6; Montreal 2 of 4.

**Goals**—Buffalo, Miller 19-6-2 (24 shots-21 saves). Montreal, Halak 6-5-0 (27-23).

**A**—21,273 (21,273). **T**—2:28.



JAY LAPRETE/AP

**The Nashville Predators' Steve Sullivan celebrates his third goal against the Columbus Blue Jackets on Monday night in Columbus, Ohio. Nashville won 5-3.**

#### Panthers 7, Islanders 1

Florida	1	2	4-7
N.Y. Islanders	0	1	0-1

**First Period**—1, Florida, Repik 2, 14:28.

**Second Period**—2, Florida, Horton 9 (Frolik, Weiss), 2:53; 3, N.Y. Islanders, Jousu 1 (Hunter, Schremp), 4:17; 4, Florida, Horton 10, 12:40 (sh).

**Third Period**—5, Florida, Weiss 15 (Horton), 1:13; 6, Florida, Krepis 1 (D.Moore, Repik), 5:57; 7, Florida, Dvorak 4 (Olesz, Seidenberg), 6:45 (pp); 8, Florida, Horton 11 (McCabe, Frolik), 14:18 (pp).

**Shots on Goal**—Florida 10-10-6—26.

**Power-play opportunities**—Florida 2 of 2; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 2.

**Goals**—Florida, Volokun 8-10-7 (31 shots-30 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Roloson 10-5-5 (23-18), Biron (1:00 third, 3-1).

**A**—10,489 (16,234). **T**—2:20.

#### Red Wings 3, Coyotes 2

Phoenix	1	1	0-2
Detroit	2	1	0-3

**First Period**—1, Detroit, Newbury 1 (Draper, Miller), 5:25; 2, Detroit, Eaves 3, 10:37 (sh); 3, Phoenix, Pyatt 5 (Lang, Jovanovski), 15:08.

**Second Period**—4, Detroit, Meech 1 (Abdelkader, Stuart), 2:05; 5, Phoenix, Vrbata 10 (Hanzal, Jovanovski), 19:23.

**Shots on Goal**—Phoenix 14-7-11—32.

**Power-play opportunities**—Phoenix 0 of 3; Detroit 0 of 4.

**Goals**—Phoenix, Bryzgalov 18-9-2 (32 shots-29 saves). Detroit, Howard 10-6-1 (32-30).

**A**—18,795 (20,066). **T**—2:17.

#### Thrashers 3, Rangers 2 (SO)

Atlanta	1	0	1-0-3
N.Y. Rangers	0	1	0-2

**Atlanta won shootout 2-0.**

**First Period**—1, Atlanta, Kozlov 6 (Enstrom, Kovalchuk), 16:16 (pp).

**Second Period**—2, N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 7 (Del Zotto), 17:10 (pp).

**Third Period**—3, Atlanta, Armstrong 7 (Hainsey, Peverley), 3:06 (sh); 4, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 23 (Del Zotto, Callahan), 14:41 (pp).

**Shootout**—Atlanta 2 (Kovalchuk, Kozlov); N.Y. Rangers 0 (Gaborik NG, Kotalik NG).

**Shots on Goal**—Atlanta 6-13-5-3—27.

**Power-play opportunities**—Atlanta 1 of 3; Rangers 2 of 5.

**Goals**—Atlanta, Hedberg 9-3-0 (48 shots-46 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 12-12-3 (27-25).

**A**—18,200 (18,200). **T**—2:41.

#### Maple Leafs 3, Senators 2

Ottawa	0	1	1-2
Toronto	0	2	1-3

**Second Period**—1, Toronto, Blake 6 (Finger, Exelby), 2:15; 2, Ottawa, Fisher 14 (Foligno, Kovalev), 13:07; 3, Toronto, Kesel 12 (Ponikarovsky, Stajan), 14:06.

**Third Period**—4, Ottawa, Spezza 5 (Alfredsson, Kuba), 1:12 (pp); 5, Toronto, Beauchemin 4 (Exelby, Blake), 6:02.

**Shots on Goal**—Ottawa 10-7-7—24.

**Power-play opportunities**—Ottawa 1 of 3; Toronto 0 of 1.

**Goals**—Ottawa, Elliott 8-7-3 (24 shots-21 saves). Toronto, Toskala 5-5-2 (24-22).

**A**—19,315 (18,819). **T**—2:20.

#### Predators 5, Blue Jackets 3

Nashville	1	3	1-5
Columbus	1	1	1-3

**First Period**—1, Nashville, Sullivan 7, 3:52; 2, Columbus, Vermette 9 (Voracek, Russell), 16:23 (pp).

**Second Period**—3, Nashville, Hornqvist 7 (Legwand), 8:27; 4, Nashville, Sullivan 8 (Erat, Weber), 8:52; 5, Columbus, Voracek 8 (Umberger), 11:09 (pp); 6, Nashville, Sullivan 9 (Bouillon, Klein), 16:08.

**Third Period**—7, Nashville, Jones 2 (Hamhuis, Klein), 6:18; 8, Columbus, Umberger 11 (Chimera), 15:53.

**Shots on Goal**—Nashville 15-12-5—32.

**Power-play opportunities**—Nashville 0 of 4; Columbus 2 of 8.

**Goals**—Nashville, D.Ellis 6-5-1 (31 shots-28 saves). Columbus, Mason 10-10-5 (32-27).

**A**—12,856 (18,144). **T**—2:21.



# Far East tourneys to change locations

Stars and Stripes

Lack of gym availability has forced DODEA Pacific to move the Far East High School Girls Class A Basketball Tournament and Wrestling Tournament, scheduled for February, from Japan to Korea, officials announced Tuesday.

The Class A basketball will be hosted by Daegu American School and be played at camps George and Walker. The wrestling will be hosted by Osan American High School and staged at Camp Humphreys, 10 miles south.

Wrestling was scheduled to be hosted by Kadena High on Okinawa, but no suitable facility was available to stage it, DODEA Pacific's Far East Activities Council chair Don Hobbs said.

Camp Foster's Field House, where the tournament was held the last two years, is not available in February due to youth activities sports, Hobbs said. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma's Semper Fit gym was suggested, but busin issues scotched that idea.

"And Camp Humphreys raised its hand" with an offer to host about two months ago when the problem first surfaced, Hobbs said. Humphreys boasts new athletic facilities, and billeting is plentiful. Referees may have to be brought in from outside to augment the small officiating pool in Korea, Hobbs added.

Osan American has not hosted a Far East tournament since Boys Class A Basketball in February 2004.

Matthew C. Perry High at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, was Class A basketball's original host, but Ironworks Gym, where Class A tournaments have been staged since 2005, is scheduled for floor renovation in February.

Daegu American offered to host the tournament, and the official decision to move it was made "about a month ago," Hobbs said.

The move means Daegu will host all three girls Class A tournaments in team sports this school year, including volleyball in November and soccer in May.

## Local scoreboard

### Interservice basketball

**Osan Pacificwide Holiday Tournament**  
At Main Fitness & Sports Center  
Osan Air Base, South Korea

#### Pool-play standings

##### Men's Pool A

**Listed in order of playoff seeding**  
Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, 4-0  
Osan Air Base, South Korea, 3-1  
Yokota Air Base, Japan, 2-2  
Suwon Air Base, South Korea, 1-3  
35th Air Defense Artillery, Osan Air Base, South Korea, 0-4

#### Sunday's scores

Osan Air Base 76, Suwon Air Base 56  
Suwon Air Base 76, 35th Air Defense Artillery 56  
Yokota Air Base 86, 35th Air Defense Artillery 61  
Yongsan Garrison 84, Osan Air Base 75

#### Monday's scores

Yongsan Garrison 78, Suwon Air Base 55  
Osan Air Base 101, 35th Air Defense Artillery 60  
Yongsan Garrison 81, Yokota Air Base 58

#### Tuesday's scores

Yokota Air Base 47, Suwon Air Base 23  
Yongsan Garrison 92, 35th Air Defense Artillery 33  
Osan Air Base 77, Yokota Air Base 38

#### Listed in order of playoff seeding

Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, 4-0  
Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, 3-1  
Seoul International Basketball League, 2-2

Camp Humphreys, South Korea, 1-3  
Misawa Air Base, Japan, 0-4

#### Sunday's scores

Andersen Air Force Base 90, Camp Humphreys 70  
Kunsan Air Base 101, Seoul International Basketball League 70  
Andersen Air Force Base 89, Seoul International Basketball League 66

#### Monday's scores

Kunsan Air Base 105, Misawa Air Base 76  
Kunsan Air Base 70, Andersen Air Force Base 69  
Camp Humphreys 74, Misawa Air Base 60

Seoul International Basketball League 72, Camp Humphreys 51

#### Tuesday's scores

Kunsan Air Base 73, Camp Humphreys 60  
Andersen Air Force Base 101, Misawa Air Base 76

Seoul International Basketball League 104, Misawa Air Base 71

#### Women's pool

**x-qualified for playoffs**  
x-Osan Air Base, South Korea, 5-0  
x-Camp Humphreys, South Korea, 4-1  
Misawa Air Base, Japan, 2-2  
Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, 2-3  
Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, 1-3  
Yokota Air Base, Japan, 0-5

#### Sunday's scores

Osan Air Base 66, Andersen Air Force Base 44  
Camp Humphreys 55, Yongsan Garrison 50  
Yongsan Garrison 42, Yokota Air Base 37

#### Monday's scores

Yongsan Garrison 49, Andersen Air Force Base 41  
Osan Air Base 62, Camp Humphreys 45

Misawa Air Base 49, Yokota Air Base 39

Camp Humphreys 76, Yokota Air Base 42

Misawa Air Base 47, Yongsan Garrison 38

### Tuesday's scores

Osan Air Base 74, Misawa Air Base 51  
Camp Humphreys 61, Andersen Air Force Base 57

Osan Air Base 66, Yongsan Garrison 58

Camp Humphreys 65, Misawa Air Base 53

Andersen Air Force Base 66, Yokota Air Base 53

### Wednesday's game

Misawa Air Base vs. Andersen Air Force Base, 8 a.m.

### Men's double-elimination playoffs

**Wednesday's games**  
Game 1—Camp Humphreys, South Korea, vs. 35th Air Defense Artillery, Osan Air Base, South Korea, 10 a.m.

Game 2—Suwon Air Base, South Korea, vs. Misawa Air Base, Japan, 10 a.m.

Game 3—Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, vs. Yokota Air Base, Japan, noon

Game 4—Osan Air Base, South Korea, vs. Seoul International Basketball League, noon

Game 5—Game 1 winner vs. Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, 4 p.m.

Game 6—Game 2 winner vs. Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, 4 p.m.

Game 7—Game 3 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 8 p.m.

Game 8—Game 1 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 8 p.m.

### Thursday's games

Game 9—Game 5 loser vs. Game 7 winner, 10 a.m.

Game 10—Game 6 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 10 a.m.

Game 11—Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, noon

Game 12—Game 4 winner vs. Game 6 winner, noon

Game 13—Game 9 winner vs. Game 12 loser, 4 p.m.

Game 14—Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 4 p.m.

Game 15—Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 6 p.m.

Game 16—Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m.

### Friday's games

Game 17—Game 15 loser vs. Game 16 winner, 11 a.m.

Game 18—Game 15 winner vs. Game 17 winner, 3 p.m.

Game 19—Game 15 winner vs. Game 17 winner if Game 15 winner loses Game 18, 5 or 7 p.m.

### Women's double-elimination playoffs

**Wednesday's games**  
Game 1—Osan Air Base, South Korea, vs. fourth seed, 2 p.m.

Game 2—Camp Humphreys, South Korea, vs. third seed, 2 p.m.

Game 3—Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.

### Thursday's games

Game 4—Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 2 p.m.

Game 5—Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 6 p.m.

### Friday's games

Game 6—Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1 p.m.

Game 7—Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner if Game 4 winner loses Game 6, 5 p.m.

### High school Japan

#### Girls basketball

**Tuesday's summary**  
Yokota 58, Seisen International 45  
At Yokota Air Base

Seisen 15 8 10 12-45  
Yokota 11 12 22 133-58

**Scoring**—Yokota, Erika Ettl 27, Julia Marrin 14, Shannon Jenkins 10.

## American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	5	0	.615	348	234
Miami	7	6	0	.538	292	306
N.Y. Jets	7	6	0	.538	275	211
Buffalo	5	8	0	.385	215	271

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Indianapolis	13	0	0	1.000	359	217
Jacksonville	7	6	0	.538	235	287
Tennessee	6	7	0	.462	293	323
Houston	6	7	0	.462	311	273

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	9	4	0	.692	264	217
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	319	218
Pittsburgh	6	7	0	.462	278	244
Cleveland	2	11	0	.154	158	315

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	10	3	0	.769	362	259
Denver	8	5	0	.615	256	230
Oakland	4	9	0	.308	155	316
Kansas City	3	10	0	.231	206	342

## National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	372	273
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	296	233
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0	.538	341	251
Washington	4	9	0	.308	234	251

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	13	0	0	1.000	466	274
Atlanta	6	7	0	.462	302	305
Carolina	5	8	0	.385	225	282
Tampa Bay	1	12	0	.077	190	356

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Minnesota	11	2	0	.846	389	243
Green Bay	9	4	0	.692	344	243
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	247	291
Detroit	2	11	0	.154	209	406

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	8	5	0	.615	306	258
San Francisco	6	7	0	.462	269	242
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	250	301
St. Louis	1	12	0	.077	146	361

x-clinched division  
y-clinched playoff spot

**Thursday's game**  
Cleveland 13, Pittsburgh 6

**Sunday's games**  
Houston 34, Seattle 7

Green Bay 21, Chicago 14

Baltimore 48, Detroit 3

New Orleans 26, Atlanta 23

Buffalo 16, Kansas City 10

Indianapolis 28, Denver 16

New England 20, Carolina 10

N.Y. Jets 26, Tampa Bay 3

Miami 14, Jacksonville 10

Minnesota 30, Cincinnati 10

Tennessee 47, St. Louis 7

Washington 34, Oakland 13

San Diego 20, Dallas 17

Philadelphia 45, N.Y. Giants 38

**Monday's game**  
San Francisco 24, Arizona 9

**Thursday, Dec. 17**  
Indianapolis at Jacksonville

**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
Dallas at New Orleans

**Sunday, Dec. 20**  
Miami at Tennessee

Arizona at Detroit

Atlanta at N.Y. Jets

Houston at St. Louis

Chicago at Baltimore

New England at Buffalo

Cleveland at Kansas City

San Francisco at Philadelphia

Oakland at Denver

Cincinnati at San Diego

Tampa Bay at Seattle

Green Bay at Pittsburgh

Minnesota at Carolina

**Monday, Dec. 21**  
N.Y. Giants at Washington

## Monday 49ers 24, Cardinals 9

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	10	0	0	1.000	6-9	2-4
San Francisco	0	7	0	.000	9-24	24-9

**First Quarter**  
SF—V.Davis 5 pass from A.Smith (Nedney kick), 3:53.

SF—FG Nedney 37, :33.

**Second Quarter**  
SF—Crabtree 35 pass from A.Smith (Nedney kick), :52.

**Third Quarter**  
Ari—FG Rackers 48, 5:46.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Ari—B.Wells 1 run (kick blocked), 14:03.

SF—Gore 2 run (Nedney kick), 9:22.

A—69,732.

**First downs** Ari 11 SF 18

**Total Net Yards** 245 327

**Rushes-yards** 18-85 36-189

**Passing** 160 138

**Punt Returns** 2-(3) 3-9

**Kickoff Returns** 5-116 3-33

**Interceptions Ret.** 2-10 2-4

**Comp-Att-Int** 16-29-2 19-35-2

**Sacked-Yards Lost** 4-18 1-6

**Punts** 4-43.8 5-41.2

**Fumbles-Lost** 1-0 1-0

**Penalties-Yards** 11-78 7-55

**Time of Possession** 23:15 36:45

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Arizona, B.Wells 15-79, Hightower 2-3, Stephens-Howling 1-3.

**San Francisco**, Gore 25-167, Coffee 6-16, Norris 1-4, A.Smith 4-2.

**Passing**—Arizona, Warner 16-29-2-178.

**San Francisco**, A.Smith 19-35-2-144.

**Receiving**—Arizona, Boldin 5-40, Stephens-Howling 3-23, Doucet 2-41, Fitzgerald 2-22, Hightower 2-13, B.Wells 1-24, Breaston 1-15.

**San Francisco**, Crabtree 5-67, V.Davis 3-34, Morgan 3-14, Gore 2-10, Norris 2-6, J.Hill 1-10, Coffee 1-7, Walker 1-2, A.Smith 1-(minus 6).

**Missed field goals**—San Francisco, Nedney 53 (WR).

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PAUL SAKUMA/AP

Arizona Cardinals running back LaRod Stephens-Howling, left, fumbles the ball as he is tackled by San Francisco 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis in the first quarter Monday night in San Francisco. The 49ers kept their slim playoff hopes alive by beating the Cardinals.

# Sloppy Cardinals fail to clinch title

By JOSH DUBOW

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — After watching his defense knock the ball out, take the ball away and thoroughly dominate the NFC West-leading Arizona Cardinals, San Francisco coach Mike Singletary summed up his feelings rather succinctly.

"I would just say, 'Wow!'" Singletary said. "That's all that I could say. They just kept coming up with plays. It's great when you see that because our defense is a defense that's capable of being a great defense."

The 49ers showed that Monday night by forcing Kurt Warner and the Cardinals into seven turnovers on the way to a 24-9 victory that kept their slim playoff hopes alive.

Alex Smith threw touchdown passes after two of Arizona's miscues and Frank Gore ran for 167 yards and a TD as the 49ers (6-7) denied Arizona (8-5) a chance to clinch the division.

The Cardinals can still clinch the NFC West with two victories in their final three games, which includes matchups with last-place teams in Detroit and St. Louis. But the 49ers are happy that any clinching celebration won't happen on their home field.

"It's all we can ask for at this point to just continue to be in the hunt," Smith said. "I don't know what the math is. It doesn't matter at this point. We have to win."

The 49ers put together perhaps their most complete game of the season in completing a season sweep against the defending NFC champions.



## SPORTS

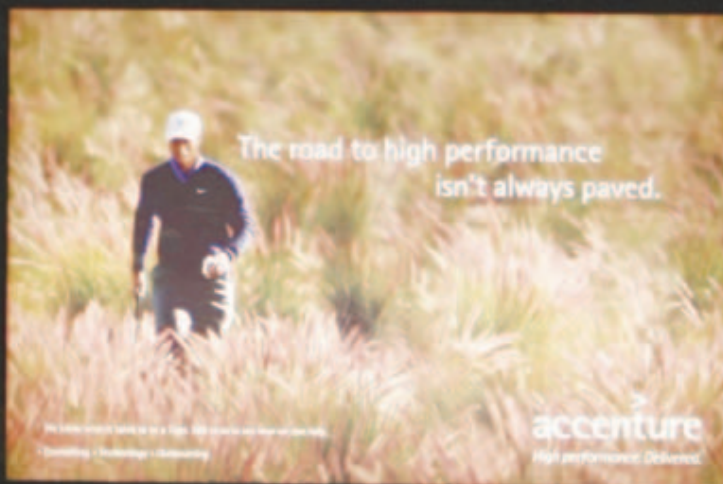
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## THE TIGER WOODS SCANDAL

A passenger at Dulles International Airport in Chantilly, Va., walks near an ad for consulting firm Accenture featuring Tiger Woods on Monday. Accenture, which pinned its entire identity on the golfer, severed its ties with Woods on Sunday, days after he announced an indefinite leave from golf to work on his marriage after allegations of infidelity surfaced in recent weeks. Woods' troubles could make it very difficult for other athletes to follow the billion-dollar trail he blazed as a celebrity endorser.

Luis M. ALVAREZ/AP



## RISKY BUSINESS

Tiger Woods' rise to greatness made him the first billion-dollar athlete. Will the golfer's fall from grace ensure he's the last?

BY EMILY FREDRIX  
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- Woods speaks of family values in interview conducted before admission of infidelities

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**C**an companies afford the risk of signing multimillion-dollar contracts with celebrity endorsers? The self-destruction of Tiger Inc. has some saying the billion-dollar athlete may be a thing of the past.

Celebrity endorsers can help boost both the sale of products and their maker's image. But Tiger Woods' hasty and stunning downfall shows how quickly things can sour when a superstar athlete's life choices are exposed in a negative light by today's real-time tabloid news culture.

Companies "want a safe choice and it seems like there's almost no safe choice out there," said Laura Ries, president of marketing consulting firm Ries & Ries.

Woods and his advisers spent years cultivating a good-guy image to go along with his winning ways, which is how he became sports' first — and perhaps last — \$1 billion earner. It's also what has made his fall even more jarring.

Most of Woods' \$100 million in annual earnings came not from tournament winnings but from companies like Accenture that wanted to be associated with his persona. These image ads are the types that are least likely to endure. Ultimately that could mean few other sports figures will follow in Woods' lucrative footsteps.

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